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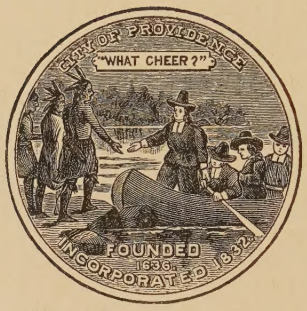

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PREFACE

THIS volume continues the collecting and printing of the Early Records of the Town of Providence, authorized by several resolutions of the City Council passed from time to time, the first of which was as follows:

"RESOLVED, That Horatio Rogers, George M. Carpenter, and Edward Field, are hereby appointed record commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, for the purpose of collecting and printing the early records of the town of Providence. And said commissioners are hereby authorized to expend the sum of one thousand dollars for collecting and printing said records, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for printing."

The records herein follow in chronological order the records contained in volume V of the printed series.

The period succeeding the time embraced in the last named volume was one of disaster to the town, for the Indian War which had raged with varying success throughout the New England Colonies was then brought within the confines of Rhode Island. During a part of this period, previous to

March, 28, 1676, and for some time thereafter the town was practically deserted, its business well nigh suspended and a portion of it destroyed by the ravages of the Indians. The townsmen however carried on such governmental affairs as were actually necessary, and during this time Roger Williams held the office of Town Clerk. Some of the records during his incumbency are now extant, but it is not thought that all have been preserved. Such as have been found are on loose scraps of paper, and for many years these have been preserved among the manuscripts of the Rhode Island Historical Society, where they were deposited by vote of the City Council in 1845.

It was owing to this disorder and to the hiatus that existed in the volumes of records now in the City Archives that the commissioners found it necessary to examine with great care the thousands of manuscripts belonging to the city, both those in its own custody and those deposited with the society, in order to complete, as near as might be, the chronological chain of records during this period.

At first, from the examination then made, it was thought that the time during which the records were incomplete would cover a considerable period and the commissioners on a previous occasion so stated; but as the examination progressed a much more gratifying result than was then expected, has been attained.

Among the volumes of ancient records in the office of the City Clerk there was one marked "Town Meetings No. 3, 1677–1750," and although there were *four* record books appar-

ently preceding it, yet all of them were really later in date than that. This book of "Town Meetings No. 3" consists of a variety of records besides those relating to town meetings, such as layouts of highways, notices of stray cattle, births, marriages and deaths, indentures of apprentices, records of coroners' inquests, etc. From this volume and the loose scraps of paper there has been made up as nearly as it is now possible to do so, a chronological record of the proceedings of the town from April 27, 1676 to October 16, 1691. This printed volume contains the first part of the records thus made up. The remaining entries in the book, consisting of the various records heretofore referred to, will comprise part second.

Upon the completion of that volume the books numbered one and two of the town meeting and town council records will be printed.

The same course has been pursued in printing this volume as has been followed in the other volumes, but for the sake of convenience an account thereof is repeated here.

The figures at the top of the pages, and enclosed in brackets, indicate the paging of this present volume.

The heavy figures enclosed in brackets [**153**] represent the paging of the original book as it now stands; and heavy figures of another style [**0231**] represent the distinguishing numbers of the Providence Town Papers which are copied.

This mark | shows the beginning and end of interlineations in the original.

Words or letters printed in parentheses are so found in the original.

Brackets enclosing blank space, thus, [ ] signify that something is missing, or illegible in the original.

The sign ℘ is used to represent a contraction or double letter, which, in the original, stands for pr, and is used as the representative of syllables containing those letters with a vowel.

In very many cases the marks or signs manual made by illiterate persons to instruments, in lieu of their own proper written signatures, are reproduced in fac-simile on the records by the recording officer, but in print in this volume these signs are usually represented by an X, being the conventional sign commonly used for that purpose.

Four indexes follow the text in this book, viz.: an Index to Names; an Index to Indian Names; an Index to Subjects, and a Miscellaneous Index.

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PROVIDENCE, April, 1895.

TOWN MEETING

RECORDS

[PART ONE]

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This writeing may Certifie all Persons that I James Thornton of y[e] Towne of Providence in y[e] Collony of Rhode Jsland &c: have taken up a certaine horse, a Smale one, of Colour Sorrill haveing a white face, the which horse jumpt over my fence into my Meaddow, Continually doeing of me damage amongst my Grass I severall times hunted him away, but Could not keepe him out, whereupon I was forced to take him up & to secure him, intending to have him Proclaimed & Enter him a Stray; But there being no Pound in the Towne was Constrained to secure him in my yard; But in y[e] meanewhile heareing of the owner of y[e] horse, that is said to be a man which went from our Towne to Block Jsland a Souldiar, his name I doe not know; I could not Proceed w[th] him as a stray, but as a Trespasser, And therefore must & shall Endeavour to secure sd horse for y[e] Space of one yeares time from the 7[th] day of this Jnstant July 1709: And if the owner of sd horse doe not come to looke after him before the End of y[e] said time & pay y[e] damage & my Charge & trouble about him, then when said time is Expired, I shall Repare to those in Authority & Request of them to dispose

Y

M^{rs} Howlong ffenner, widdow of Cap^{tn} Arthur ffenner, died | on | the 19th day of November, Anno: 1708

Z

Concerning said horse in order as the law in such Causes Requires, that so I may have my damage & Cost paid out of Said horse & then the overpluss (if any be) may be to the Lord of y^{e} ffee. as y^{e} law directs: The aforesd horse was upon the 7th day of July 1709, by John Whipple & Thomas Angell apprized at Twenty & five shillings. /

They being both of sd Providence. /

[0231] Whereas an order | from y^e^ Gen^rll^ was | directed to Cap^t^ ffenner Assistant for y^e^ freemen of o^r^ Towne to Chuse theire Deputies & send them to y^e^ Gen^rll^ Assemble at Newport in may next, & alsoe theire jury men for y^e^ Gen^rll^ Covrt of Tryals, & to make preparation for y^e^ Gen^rll^ Electtion: w^ch^ accordingly a meetting was called concerning it, & appoynted to be vpon y^e^ 27^th^ of this jnstant Mo^nth^: Aprill 1676 on y^e^ Townes Quarter day; John Smith Clarke Refused | then | to officiate in his sayd office rendering it be an jlleagall meetting: But y^e^ Major part adjudgeing other wayes concerning it, Saw cause to make Choyce of another Clarke in his stead, and therefore voated Daniell Abbott to officiate in his | sd | office for this present meetting Aprill y^e^ 27^th^ 1676: at | w^ch^ Sayd meetting, | John Whipple Sen^r^ | wo | Chosen Moderatour

William Carpenter Sen^r^
Stephen Arnold Sen^r^.
Thomas olney jun^r^. &
Edward Smith — are

} Deputies chosen to Transact | in | y^e^ affaires of y^e^ Collony in y^e^ Gen^rll^ Assemble at newport in may next, on y^e^ be halfe of y^e^ Towne of providence

Joseph williams &
Samuell Bennett are

} chosen to be vpon y^e^ Grand inquest

Richard Arnold &
William Asten are

} chosen to be vpon y^e^ jury of Tryals in y^e^ Gen^rll^ Covrt of Tryals at newport in may next.

[*Endorsed*]

the Act of a Towne meeting: 1676

[0234] At a Towne: Meeting Lawfully calld by W^m^ Harris Magistrate y^e^ 5^f^ of June 1676 (so calld) before Thomas Fjelds, vnder a Tree by y^e^ Water side

Roger Willjams chosen Moderato^r^

Roger Wjlljams chosen by y^e^ Towne for y^e^ Yeare Ensuing Towne Clarke

Willjam Hawkjns chosen Constable

James Olny Towne sergeant

The Towne Co|u|ncjll to be adjoyned to y^e^ 3 Magistrates Roger Wjlljams Thomas Arnold, Nathaniel Waterman Dan: Abbot surveyo^r^ & Heyward. Val: Whitman Treasurer:

All Sollemnly engaged excepting James Olny & Val: Whitman.

At a towne meeting Lawfully calld by Cap: Fenner Magistrate y^e^ 14^th^ of Aug: 1676 (so calld) before Thomas Fjelds howse vnder a Tree by y^e^ Water side.

Capt: Fenner chosen Moderatour

A motjon was made to enquire after y^e^ Towne bookes but it was deferd vntill y^e^ Busines of disposing y^e^ Jndjans (for w^ch^ y^e^ Towne met) was dispatched.

A list of 27 names of such as stajd & went not away, was presented, unto whome these Jndjans should be due, y^e^ names were m^r^ Roger Willjams: Nath: Waterman Tho: Fenner: Henry Ashton John Morey: Dan: Abbot, James Olney: Val: Whitman: Jo: Whiple Sen^r^ John Angel: James Angel Tho: Arnold Rich: Pray John Pray Ephrim Pray Abraham Man: Jos: Woodward Tho: Field Zach: Field: Ed: Bennet Tho: Clements: W^m^ Lancaster W^m^ Hopkins W^m^ Hawkings John Rodes Sam: Winsor: Tho: Wallen

Voted y^t^ y^e^ many Difficulties & differences amongst vs & all matters Concejved to belong to y^e^ disposing of y^e^ Jndjans now to be disposed in y^e^ Towne, shall be referd to fiue men chosen by y^e^ Town, y^e^ Towne promising to acquiesce & rest in y^e^ determination of the sajd fiue men or y^e^ Major part of them.

The fiue men chosen are Roger Wjlljams: Tho: Harris: Tho: Fjeld Tho: Angel: John Whiple jun^{r}:

The meeting was adjourned to an howre by Sun.

That meeting by occasion of some hurries about Jndjans was hindred

The next morning (| y^{e} | 15th day of Aug:) y^{e} Towne met & y^{e} former Committee of 5 men presented their Agreem^{nt} w^{ch} was read & accepted & committed to y^{e} Record.

Agreed y^{t} the Jndjans Awaúscug & y^{e} women & children y^{t} came with him & y^{t} may Come in shall be y^{e} right of all y^{e} Jnhabitants of y^{e} Towne vniuersally,

Memorand y^{t} on y^{e} 25 of August 1676 (so called there came into this Towne One Chuff an Jndian so calld in tjme of peace, because of his Surlines ag^{nst} the English He could Scarce come in being wounded Some few dayes before by Providence Men His wounds were corrupted & stanck & because he had bene a Ring leader all y^{e} War to most of y^{e} Mischiefs to our Howses & Cattell, & what English he could: The Jnhabitants of y^{e} Towne crjed out for Justice ag^{nst} him threatning themselues to kill him if y^{e} Authoritie did not: For w^{ch} Reason y^{e}. Cap: Roger W^{ms} Caused y^{e} Drum to be beat, y^{e} Toun Councell & Counce^{ll} of War called, all cried for Justice & Executjon, y^{e} Councell of War gaue sentence & he was shot to Death, to y^{e} great satisfactjon of y^{e} Towne.

At a Towne meeting y^{e} 29 of August: Voted y^{t} all y^{e} Jndians aboue 12 years of age now in Towne or y^{t} shall Come in shall not be suffured in but sent out of y^{e} Towne vntill y^{e} Towne take further order

The 30 of Aug: y^{e} Towne (being adjourned) to y^{e} tre before W^{m} Fields) voted y^{t} Titus (calld Kewáshinit & his wife

& 3 children & y^e^ old man Mamánawant Titus his Fath[ ] in Law & y^e^ old Crooked Woman & y^e^ old Woman Peter y^e^ Smiths mother shall stay in y^e^ Towne about Sheapheards well, & there put vp a shed & be at y^e^ Towns dispose.

Ordred y^t^ notwithstanding a former vote such as haue Jndians allready from y^e^ Towne & all others Men Women & Children should be sent out of y^e^ Towne, & this Last order for peace sake was yielded to by all for avojding of offence

Record: by Gods Providence jt seasonably came to passe y^t^ Prouidence | Williams | brought vp his mother from Newport in his sloop & cleard y^e^ Towne by his vessel of all y^e^ Jndians to y^e^ great peace & Content of all y^e^ Jnhabitants

Record Jn y^e^ 6^t^ mon: calld August were burjed within 2 | or | 3 days each of other Tho: Clements y^e^ younger, & Daniel Fjeld son to John Field both in y^e^ flowre of thejr youth

Jn y^e^ 7^th^ mon: 7 was burjed Sam Wright his son Henry Wrjght of a litle more then a year old:

At a Towne meeting y^e^ 7^th^ of Octob

Deputies were chosen for y^e^ Gen: Assembly y^e^ 23 instant

Jo Sayls Sen

Ed: Jnman

Andr Harris

Ep: Olny

Stephen Arnold Grand Jury

Joseph Willjams

Pettie Jur: John Lapham: W^m^ Austin Tho Harris sen & Jo: Whiple Sen^r^ are chosen to demaund & receaue at euery Garrison what was taken from y^e^ Jndjans

The 20 of Octob was buried James Olny son of Tho: Olny sen^r^

The 7 of Nov^{emb} (1676 so calld) was buried Sarah y^{e} daughter of Cap: Arthur Fenner

9th 9th was burjed John Smith son of John Smith Mason

Births: Eleazar Whiple had a daughter borne Calld

Sam: Whiple had a son borne calld.

John Hawkins had a son borne y^{e}

Dan: Willjams & y^{e} Widow Rebekah Power were married y^{e} 2 of 10th y^{e} first Mariage since God mercifully restored y^{e} Towne of Prouidence

The 2. of Jan: $\frac{76}{77}$ Sam: Winsor maried y^{e} Widow Mercy Waterman:

Jan 5 $\frac{26}{27}$ a Towne meeting calld by Arth: Fenner Assistant & he chosen Moderatour: at Dan: Abbots

Jt: George Way was chosen Sergeant of the Towne in y^{e} roome of James Olny deceased

Jt Capt: Fenner declared y^{t} he Cald y^{e} Town meeting to setle & order y^{e} second Distribucion of y^{e} produce of y^{e} second sale of y^{e} Jndjans w^{ch} had bene betrusted (as y^{e} first sale was) to y^{e} Care of Capt Fenner, Jo: Whipple jun^{r} & W^{m}: Hopkins

Jt: after many debates & difficuties how to accomodate this Distribucion jt was Concluded to choose a Committee of fiue Men w^{ch} should meet at Dan: Abbots & receaue & judge of euery mans plea & accordingly setle y^{e} Distributjon: The Committee chosen (by papers) were Capt: Fenner Jo: Whipple jun^{r} Ed: Smith: Dan: Abbot & Roger Willjams.

The 15 of Jan: (so called) were maried Joseph Woodward to Mary Pray y^{e} daughter of Rich: Pray: of Prouidence Capt: Fenner being Magistrate:

The 3rd of March 167$\frac{6}{7}$ (so calld) was twice read & published with y^{e} sound of Drum publikely in this Towne y^{e} Kings

Ma^tics pleasure to this Colony not to recejue in these parts Nath: Bacon or his Complices who were in Arms in Rebellion agnst his Matie in Virginja

The 11 of y^e first | mon: | (March) was born a son to Tho: Fenner

The 2 of y^e 2 mo: cald April djed Sarah y^e wife of David Whiple

The 10 of y^e 2 month | y^e Town | was Lawfully cald & assembled: Arthur Fenner moderato^r choen for Deputies both for y^e court of election & Gen Assembly: Tho: Olny jun^r Stephen Arnold W^m Hopkins & Jo: Whiple jun^r

Jo: Sajls sen^r & Ed: Jnman sen^r for y^e grand Jnquest

Sam: Bennet: | & | W^m Austin for petie Jury

Voted y^t y^e Towne Councill shall warne such as haue set vp fences in y^e Common to remoue them as Nusances & the Councell shall cause them to be pulld downe & for those y^t haue bene vp 3 years y^e Councill shall appoint a man to proseute at Law.

[01323] At a Towne meeting April 27 (quarter day) Voted y^e Towne Books & Records (saved by Gods merifull Providence (from fire & water) now brought | by him | from Newport) should be in his hand a while & fower men (who had bene Towne Clarks:) Tho: Olny jun^r Shadrach Manton John Whiple jun^r, & John Smith Miller should view & search y^e papers, what js wanting or Lost, & make report to y^e Towne y^e next quarter day.

Voted y^t all y^e Jndjans y^t be in y^e Towne shall be sent or removed from y^e Towne by next Munday Come seuen night.

June 4^th (so calld) a Towne Assembly Tho: Olny Jun^r Moderatour.

Chosen Towne Clark John Whiple jun^{r}
Constables Nath: Waterman & Joseph Wjlljams
Towne Sergeant George Way
Towne Councell Capt Fenner Tho: Olny jun^{r}: W^{m} Harris.
[*Endorsed*]
Towne Meetings & Orders
The Venerable remaines of M^{r}. Roger Williams, the Father of Providence, the Founder of the Colony, and | of | Liberty of Concience

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[1] Att a Towne meeting upon the fourth day of June: 1677 it being the Townes Election day for Towne officers Thomas Olney junr Chosen modderator

the Election of Towne officers

John Whipple Jun^{r}: Chosen Towne Clarke and Engaged,

Nathaniell Waterman and Joseph Williams Chosen Cunstables } and Engaged,

George Way Chosen Serjant and Engaged,

Thomas Olney senr: Cap^{t}: Arthor ffenner and William Harris are Chosen to add to the Generall officers to make up the Towne Counsell for this Ensveing yeare

Cap^{t}: Arthor ffenner and John Whipple: jun^{r}: Chosen Serueiors,

Election of the Treasvrer and order for his Engagment

William Hopkins Chosen Towne Treasurer,

Voated that Thomas Olney Assistant doe give William Hopkins his Engagement to his office, he not being present in the meeting when the rest Engaged to theire places

Voated and ordered that Cap^{t}: ffenner, and John Whipple junr shall Vew all the Bookes and wrightings which belonge

unto the Towne, now in the handes of Cap^{t} ffenner, and see and take notice in what Condition they are as nere as they may, and how many pages be in Each Booke and how Each Booke is Defaced and as neere as they may what loose papors there be, and what they be, takeing a list thereof, the which shall be done by the: 18th: day of this Jnstant, they both signeing of the list; which done for Cap^{t}: ffenner then to deliver up the sayd Bookes Recordes and papors into the handes of the sayd John Whipple who is our Towne Clerke, the which list aforesd shall be kept amongst y^{e} recordes,

An order fo the Delivery of the Books:

the meetting is Desolved,

Att a Towne Meeting July the: 27th: 1677: Jt being the Towne quarter day mr Roger williams Chosen Moderator

Voated upon the presentation of a Bill by Stephen Sabeere of newport to this Towne, who desireth a small percell of Land by the water side below the Bridge, upon the Acompt of the keepeing of Eliazur whipple when wounded, in Answer the sd Bill the Towne doe make Choyce of mr Roger williams and parden Tillinghast to Vew the sayd place mentioned in the sd Bill, whether it may be Granted without great Damage to the Towne or not, and make returne thereof to the next Towne Meeting

an order upon Stephen Sabeeres his Bill,

[**2**] Va|o|ted upon the presentation of a bill presented by Ephraim pearce that the Towne would sell him twenty Acres of upland lieing neere pautuckett Riuer, and Easterly from the dwelling formerly of Stephen Dexter, The Towne haue Granted and Sold to the sayd pearce Twenty Acres of upland if it may be theire had not damnifieing any mans land or Convernient high ways

The sale of 20 Acars of Land granted to Ephraim peirce.

paying the Towne or theire order twelve pence ꝑ^er Acre in Silver, The sayd land to be to the proper use of the Sayd Ephraim pearce his Heirs and Assignes for Euer,

Recieue money of Ephraim peirce of y^e Townes behalf p books &c.

Voated by the Towne that the serueiors or Either of them receive the sayd money of the sayd pearce and to keepe it for the Towne use, Except what they shall lay out in the Townes behalfe for a Book or Books for the Townes use,

Granted y^t Ralfe paines Land recorded.

Voated by the Towne that the three Deedes presented by John Whipple junr in behalfe of Ralfe paine of newport Conserning the land he the sd paine Bought of Joseph Smith Adminisstrator to the Esstate of John Smith deceased, be Recorded in our Towne recordes

Voated that three men be Chosen to draw up an Answer to William Harris his bill, and to make returne to the | next | Towne meeting for theire Exceptance, or disslike, the men Chosen are mr Roger williams, Cap^t Arthor ffenner and Gregorey Dexter, Voated by the Towne that the Bill presented by Samuell Comstock is refered to the next metting to further Agetation,

Three men Chosen to Answer will: Harris &c

The meeting is Ajorned to this day Come Seaven night which will be the first day of September,

The Towne is Come to geather acording to theire Ajornement, Voated by the Towne, that the Answer drawne to william Harris his bill put into the Towne the: 25^th of August 1677: by Roger Williams, Cap^t: Arthor ffenner and Greegorey Dexter, is by the Towne owned to be a meet and Just Answer to the sayd bill, and therefore by the Towne owned and ordered to be putt upon file,

Answer to will: Harris's bill by Cap^t fenner &c. is owned by y^e Towne.

Voated by the Towne that Samuell Comstock[e]: Bill be refered to the next meeting and then to receive a full Answer to the sayd Bill

Tho: Munsills bill refer'd.

Voated by the Towne that the bill presented by Thomas munsill be refered to the next meeting,

Returne of Eph: pirces Land by Jon: whipple to ye Towne Re-[ ]rds.

John Whipple Junr Serueior this day made returne to the Towne that he had layd out to Ephraim pearce Twenty Acres of land which he the sayd pearce bought of the Towne, The meeting is Ajorned to this day Come fortnight

[3] The Towne is Come togeather according to their Ajorneme[n] [ ],

the Towne meeting is desolved,

Men Chosen to attend ye Courts.

Att a Towne meeting October the first 1677 Arthor ffenner Chosen modderator

Chosen to serue upon the Grand Jnquest at the Generall Court of Trialls to be held for the Collony at the house of henery palmer in Newport upon the: 24[th] of this Jnstant are Walter Roades and John lappum,

Chosen to serve upon the Jury of Tryars at the place and time before sd are Andrew Harris and Daniell Browne,

Chosen for Deputys to sitt in the Generall Assembly to be held for the Collony at the house of Henery palmer in newport upon the: 31[th]: day of this Jnstant october are John Sayles, Edward Jnman, Samuell Bennett and will: Haukins ju[ ],

Att a Towne meeting | october the: 27[th]: 1677: | being the Townes quarter day mr Arthor ffenner Chosen moderator

Granted Rebeckah Scott.

Vpon the presentation of a bill presented by Rebecah Scott (widdow) for the setling of the

Bounds of her deceased husband John Scott his land, Jt is Granted by the Towne that she may take the serueiors and setle y^e^ sd bounds

Daniell Abbott^s^ bill is refered to the next Towne meeting,

Granted yt a Coppi of ye Combination vnder publick may be putt vpon ye Towne Booke

Wheras mr william harris, Thomas ffeild and nathaniell waterman put in a bill to the Towne that they may have a Coppie of the Combination being under publick test recorded in the Towne Book, Jt is Granted by the Towne that it may be recorded first bringing it to the Towne for Aprobation and pay the Clerke his ffees for soe doeing,

The men Chosen to Answer.

Voated by the Towne, that they make Choyce of three men to Answer in their behalfes, being somuned by m^r^ william Harris and Thomas ffeild to Answer theire Complaynt at his majestys Court to be held at prouidence the seavententh day of nouember next and any two of them to have full power Appeareing to Answer in the Townes behalfe, the meeting is Desolved

Att a Towne meeting Called by Vertue of the Comitioners order December the 24^th^: 1677: Cap^t^ Arthor ffenner

Three men Chosen to take a vew.

Chosen modderator, Voated by the Towne, that they make Choyce of three men to take a veiw of wannassquatuke[ ] riuer, and where the head of the sayd Riuer is that soe the line may be runn acording to the verdict of y^e^ Jury [4] and to make returne to the Towne of theire proceedes therein, the Three men Chosen are Cap^t^: Arthor ffenner mr stephen Arnold, and william Hopkins the meeting is Ajorned to this day Come Seaven night

The Towne is againe acording to theire Ajornement,

Voated that the Generall Assemblys Acts at may Court

acts read. 1677: be first in this meeting read, as also the Generall Assemblys Acts October the: 31th: 1677 be also read, as also the order about the Auditt,

Voated by the Towne, as an Adition to the former order, that whereas it was sayd Verdict of Jury, the Towne doe now order and say, and the Courts Exceptance thereof; any former order to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding,

Addition to y• virdict.

Order & care aboute John jones. Voated by the Towne, upon the presentation of a bill presented by John Joanes, That the Towne doe make Choyce of will Hopkins, and Thomas Arnold to take some paynes and see where they cann find any Conveinnient place where he may be accomadated, Either for his Esstate, or for soe much by the yeare as the Towne and they cann Agree for, and to make theire returne to the Towne,

bills referd. The bills Depending are refered to the next meetiing

The meeting is Ajorned to this day Come Seauen night;

The Towne is Come togeather acording to theire Ajornemnt,

Deeds of Scott granted to be Recorded Voated by the Towne that the three Deedes belonging to Rebecah Scott Executrixe to John Scott (deceased) haveing been all three of them read in the Towne meeting; be recorded in the Towne Recordes,

protest against. Voated where in the act of the Towne is not acording to the Comitionrs: order and the warrant granted thereupon that is to say Verdicts of Jury and Judgement of Court there on Granted we doe protest against the sayd order,

John Whipple Junr,
Thomas olney junr,

this sayd protest was against, the act at Y^e^ up|er| end of this pagee and had bene entered there but forgott till I had write soe low;

Repaire-ing John jones house.

Voated by the Towne, that Thomas Arnold and william Hopkins shall and are hereby ordered to repaire John Joanes his house, soe as to make it as Comfortable as may be for this winter season, and haveing done it to make theire demaund of the Towne, and shall receive of the Towne Reasonable sattisfaction for theire paines,

The Bill presented by Andrew Edmunds is refered to to the next quarter Court, the meeting desolved,

[5] Att a Towne meeting January: 28^th^: 1677: being the Townes quarter day Cap^t^: Arthor ffenner Chosen moderator

Jon ffeild Lott.

Arthor ffenner serueior this day made returne to the Towne of a fiue Acor lott layd out unto John ffeild in the yeare: 1675:

Refer'd bills.

Voated by the Towne, that the Bills presented by Andrew Edmunds and William Hopkins be reffered to the next meeting,

Layd out to Jon ffeild.

Layd out unto John ffeild senr in the yeare one Thousand Six hundred Seaventy and five, one fiue Acre lott neere unto the now dwelling house of John ffeild, and it is Bounded on the northern side with the land of John ffeild, and on the western End with the Comon, and with the Eastern End with the Comon, and with the Southern side with the Comon, the fower Corners playnly fixed to be seene and knowne, and it is to range from Corner to Corner upon a straight line, and it and it was layd out by the Eighteen foot pole by me Arthor ffenner serveior

Granted Vall : whitt :

Jt is Granted unto Vallintine Whiteman that he may, change his fifty Acree deuition of land that was layd out to him by Samuell Bennett and take it up Elce where on the Townes Comon :

granted vnto Tho : ffeild.

Jt is granted unto Thomas ffeild, Heire unto william ffeil[ ] (Deceased) that he may have his House lotts recorded in our Towne recordes, he paying the Clerke[s] ffees

Smiths bill referd.

Vpon the presentation of a bill by Edward Smith, The Towne doe order that the bill be reffered to the next meeting, and that Joseph Jiencks be warned by the serjant there to Come and give Answer to y[e] sd Bill

The Lotts of ffeilds.

The sayd lotts belonging to y[e] sd Thomas ffeild are Bounded on the west with the Towne street, on the south with the lott of John ffeild, on the East with the high way or Comon, on the north with the lott of George Ricketts now in the possestion of the sayd Thomas ffeild and partly with the land of Chad Browne now in the possestion of Danniell Abbott,

the meeting is Desolved

[6] Att a Towne meeting March the : 4[th] : 1677 m[r] Roger williams Chosen modderator,

Voated by y[e] Towne that y[e] matter preposed by Bill to the Towne conserning Wacthing, Warding, Scouting or Sending out Such forces as we can rayse to be sent out to rand the woodes, be reffered to y[e] Counsell of warr to order according to theire Disscretion

Watching

Encouragmt to those be wovnded.

Voated by y[e] Towne, for the Jncuregment of those that shall goe forth to range the woodess, for the Comon Enemy, Jf they or any of them shall be wounded they shall be relived by y[e] Towne as farr

forth as the law hath prouided in case, and if the Towne be not of abillity to performe the same then the Towne will take such Care that y^e^ Collony shall Consider them as his majestys law in war like Cases hath provided, to which the Towne doe Engage themselves. the meeting is Desolved

Gen: Assem: matters.

Att a Towne meeting Aprill the: 6^th^: 1678: Tho: olney senr moderator

Chosen Deputys to serve in y^e^ Generall Assembly at the Court of Election to be held at newport, and in the Generall Assembly the day before y^e^ Election, are Edward Jnman, Samuell Bennett, Thomas Arnold, & william Havkins Junr

men Chosen for ye Covrt.

Chosen to serve on the Grand Jnquest at y^e^ Generall Court of Tryalls to be held at newport, the first munday next following the first wensday in may next, are Thomas Harris Junr, and Daniell Abbott

Chosen to serve on y^e^ Jury of Tryars at the Generall Court of tryalls aforesayd are John Stere & John Jnman

Voated by the Towne that the Deed presented by Rebecah Scott (widdow) signed watter Clarke be recorded in our recordes,

men appoynted aboute pautuckett.

Voated by y^e^ Towne, that Cap^t^: Arthor ffenner and Thomas Harris senr are appoynted to goe to pautuckett, and agree with Joseph Jiencks: abovt Bounding out a peice of land for the Bennifitt of fishing, and a high way to it, and make returne thereof to y^e^ Towne the next meeting,

Aboutes Towne feild feences.

Ordered y^t^ all y^e^ ffences aboute all y^e^ Comon ffeildes of this Towne shall sufficiently be made up betweene the day of the date hereof an y^e^: 14^th^: of this Jnstant, upon the penalty of: 3^s^: 6^d^: ꝑ^er^: pole

for Each defect, to be taken by disstraint from y^e^ owners of y^e^ defective fence, and y^t^ two men be Chosen to vew y^e^ fences and Judge of y^e^ Sufficency thereof, and to Cavse all the deffects to be made up, and the work men to be payd out of the aforesayd penalty;

Veiwers of fences. The men Chosen to vew y^e^ aforesd ffences are, Epenetus olney and John Arnold, for y^e^ uper ffeilde, Nathaniell Waterman, and Edward Smith for y^e^ midle ffeild, and Samuell Winsor and William Hopkins for the lower ffeild

Three paper books [7] Where as John Whipple: jun^r^: had in his handes: 20^s^: of the Townes money, the sayd John haveing already procured three papor books and presented them this day to y^e^ Towne the Towne accepteth of the sayd Books for the sd: 20^s^: and doth hereby Clearely Aquitt and disscharge the sayd John whipple of the sayd money,

Harris bill Referd. Voated by y^e^ Towne that y^e^ Bill presented by william Harris and the bill presented by Ann Harris be both of them refered to the next quarter meeting.

granted Tho. Oley to he use of y^e^ Lanne Voated by y^e^ Towne, that Thomas Olney Junr shall or may make use of some part of the high way on y^e^ south side of his lott, till such time as the Towne shall runn a line of Deuition betwixt y^e^ sayd lott and the high way, and not to be Counted a Trancegracer in any wise thereby

Att a Towne meeting Aprill y^e^: 27^th^: 1678: it being y^e^ Townes quarter day Arthor ffenner Chosen modderator

Jt is Granted by y^e^ Towne, unto Ephraim pearce that hee

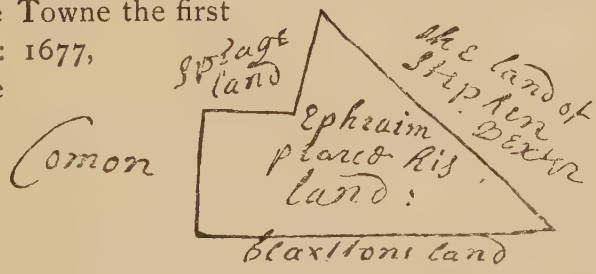
shall have his Land recorded that he bought of the Towne acording to y^e^ returne made by the serueior;

As allso he may have his Deede reorded haveing this day bene reade the sayd deed being signed by Vallintine whitman,

Layd out unto Ephraim pearce, twenty Acres of upland upon the Acount of twenty Acres of land y^e^ sayd Ephraim bought of this sayd Towne, the sayd land lieing about fower or five miles in disstance from y^e^ sayd Towne North westerly, bounding on the north western part with y^e^ Townes Comon or the land of Stephen Dexter (deceased) on the north Eastern part with the land of william Blaxston (deceased) and on the South Easterne part, partly with the land of Jonathan Sprage, and partly with the Comon, Bounded on y^e^ northerne Corner with a white oake tree with Stones layd as the rangs are to runn, Jt ranging about north Easterly to the land of the aforesayd Blaxston, on the westerne Corner with a small white oake Tree with stones layd about it as the ranges are to runn, Jt rangeing south westerly from the sayd white oake to the lande of the aforsd Sprage, on the Easterne Corner with a white oake Tree, with stones layd as aforsd, and on the south westerne Corner with a white oake tree with stones layd as the rest are, the sayd land layd out the: 11^th^: day of August: 1677: and returned to the Towne the first day of September: 1677,

the record of Ephraim pearce his land

Pᵉʳ John Whipple
Junr Serueior



Orriginall warrant.

[8] Voated by the Towne that y^e^ Coppie of y^e^ Origenall of the warrant to Thomas Olney and John Whipple Assistants Signed peleg Sanford be recorded in our Towne recordes,

Wanashquattuckett river.

Voated by y^e^ Towne that y^e^ returne made by mr ffenner mr Stephn Arnold and william hopkins about the head of Wannassquatuckett river, is Accepted by the Towne to be the head and to be recorded

order Smith for to come.

Voated by y^e^ Towne, that mr ffenner procure John Smith the Serueior to Come to this Towne, to runn the lines according to the Verdict of the Jury and the Courts acceptance thereof,

Order aboute pautuckett falls.

Whereas there have bene long debates this day abovt pautuckett ffalls and the ffree fishing of all y^e^ Jnhabetance of this Towne of prouidence: the Towne have Chosen fower men to Setle at y^e^ ffalls and there abouts a perpetuall Comon for the Townes ffree fishing and other uses y^e^ Towne may make of it by horse or Carte: Ectt: also y^t^ y^e^ fower men, Setle and stake out a p^er^petuall Conveinent high way from y^e^ Towne to y^e^ Comon: aforesd; And if it doe appeare to y^e^ sayd fower men that by y^e^ sayd Comon and high way aforesd any damage Come to mr Dexter, or mr Jiencks theire landes there abouts, the Towne Authorizeth y^e^ sayd fower men to make them reasonably Sufficient sattisfaction out of y^e^ Townes landes Elce where, The fower men Chosen are Cap^t^ ffenner, Thomas Harris sen^r^: John whipple senr and Edward Smith,

Order aboute plucking vp fences.

And that y^e^ sd fower men shall as well also pluck up and throw doune all fences Sett up on y^e^ Towne^s^ Comons without the Townes Consent, at or about the nine and twentyeth day of September next Ensve-

ing, if y^e^ owners of the fence have not done it by yt time, prouided yt they disstrube not any ffortification or houseing upon y^e^ Comons untill y^e^ Towne take further Consideration about them,

Men Chosen to goe with Jo^n^ : Smith

Voated by y^e^ Towne that Cap^t^: ffenner, Thomas Arnold, and william Hopkins are Chosen to goe with Jo^n^ Smith the serveior to runn the lines according to Verdict of Jury, and the Courts Exceptance thereof,

Voated by y^e^ Towne yt the meeting is Ajorned to the next wensday Come Seauen night

The Towne is againe mett according to theire Ajornement mr Arthor ffenner Continneweth : moderā,

Aboute ye Towne Bookes.

Voated whereas the Towne did upon the: 4^th^ of June last past order and appoynt Cap^t^: Arthor ffenner to vew with John Whipple Junr the Towne recordes in the sayd ffenners handes, and to see what is remaineing since they were deffaced by y^e^ Jndians and to returne them to John whipple Junr our now Towne Clerk, and the [**9**] the sayd Arthor ffenner haveing with Jo^n^ Whipple jun^r^ Vewed them, and made returne to y^e^ Towne what is wanting, and returned the rest according to y^e^ Townes order, with a list of them, to be kept upon ffile, Wee the sayd Towne Doe hereby ffully Acquitt, and Disscharge y^e^ sayd Arthor ffenner of the same.

Cap^t^ ffenner's Comissiom to ye Commissionrs Court at boston from ye Towne

Voated the Towne of prouidence has Chosen Cap^t^: Arthor ffenner, to make his Humble Adress, to his Majestys much Honered Court of the Comitioners from y^e^ Colloneys, sitting at Bosston upon Ajornement y^e^: 23^th^ of this Jnstant may, and y^e^ sd Towne doth humbly pray the Honered Court to Vochesaf[ ] the sd Cap^t^: ffenner, Creaditt and leaue to Speak and

Answer in y^e^ sayd Towne^s^: behalfe as if the sd Towne were personally present

The Towne is againe mett according to their Ajornement Arthor ffenner Continneweth modderator

The meeting is Ajorned to y^e^: 18^th^: day of this Jnstant May at twelve of the Clock of the sayd day

The Towne is againe mett according to theire Ajornement,

The Towne Meeting is Desolved

At a Towne meetting vpon y^e^ 3^rd^. day of june 1678: Jt being y^e^ Townes Election day for Towne Officers. Cap^t^ Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderator.

The Election of Towne Officers.

Daniell Abbott Chosen Clerke & Engaged.

Zachariah ffeild Chosen Cunstable & Engaged.

Samuell whipple Chosen Cunstable & Engaged.

David whipple Chosen Serjant & Engaged.

Roger williams, Cap^t^. Arthur ffenner, & Edward Smith are Chosen to add to y^e^ Genrall officers, to make vp y^e^ Towne Councill for this Ensueing yeare.

Cap^t^ Arthur ffenner, and william Hopkins are Chosen Surveyrs.

William Hopkins Chosen Treasurer

Richard pray, & George way are Cosen to see y^e^ high wayes repaired.

Order for ye Serjants wages.

Voated by y^e^ Towne, y^t^ y^e^ Serjant y^t^ shall yearely be Chosen in this Towne, shall be payd by Each ffreeman in y^e^ sd Towne one shilling in Marchantable pay ℔ yeare, & if any doe neglect or refuse to pay as aforesd, The Serjant makeing his returne to y^e^ Towne of y^e^ names of the defective persons, The Towne doe engage to cause y^e^ sd defective persons to pay y^e^ foresd Summ to y^e^ Serjant, any order to y^e^ Contrary heareof not with standing.

[10] Voated by y^e^ Towne, y^t^ John Smith Surveyer (vpon y^e^ request of y^e^ Commission^r^s Court of his Majesties Sitting at Boston on y^e^ 23^th^ of May Last past) be by y^e^ Towne Sent for, personally to appeare before y^e^ sd Court, Sitting by adjurnement on y^e^ 18^th^ day of this jnstant Month june, at this Towne of providence, Then & there to vindicate his Act in referance to y^e^ Map &c Jf any thing shall appeare wanting therein, And y^e^ Towne doth heareby Engage to Sattisfie him for his paines if any thing shall appeare wanting of his due

Voated by y^e^ Towne, y^t^ y^e^ Clerke shall in y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ Towne, writte vnto y^e^ foresd John Smith (Surveyer) to desire him without faile to be heare attending at y^e^ Commissioners Court of his Majestie to sitt att providence by adjurnment on y^e^ 18^th^ of this jnstant month june j678. then & there to vindicate his act in referance to y^e^ Mapp &c

a Coppie there of is as followeth in * y^e^ Mergent

* To John Smith Surveyer, Inhabitant of Newport. These w^th^ care p^r^sent. We greett thee well. These are to desire thee w^th^out faile (vpon request of y^e^ Commissioners Court of his Majestie, to sitt by adjurnement vpon y^e^ 18^th^ day of this jnstant Month june, at this Towne of providence) to appeare [ ]onally before y^e^ sd Court, then & there to plead to, & vindicate thy act in referance to y^e^ Mapp &c The w^ch^ is supposed, to want perffitting. The Towne doth engage [ ]ttisfie thee for thy paines in what shall appeare requesitt. pray send thy Answer. farewell. providence [ ]^th^ of [ ] By me Dan: Ab: Cl: of [ ]

Voated by y^e^ Towne, y^t^ y^e^ three returnes Of Land Layd out vnto Richard Arnold by John whipple (jun^r^) Surveyer, &

* This paragraph is written on the margin of page 10.

returned to this towne this 3rd day of june 1678) shall remaine vpon file, vntill ye next Towne Meetting.

The Meetting is dissolved.

The towne Mett vpon ye 27th day of july 1678: Jt being The townes Quarter day. Capt Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderator.

Jt is ordered, by reason of Lamenesse in appeareing this day) yt ye Serjant shall give all ye free men of this Towne notice to Meett on ye twelfth day of August next, vntill wch this Meetting is adjurn'd, being of Concerne, to Leivie a Rate, to defraigh Charges expended on ye Townes behalfe; Exposed to in the case of william Harris &c

Voated by ye Towne, yt ye Clerke shall in ye behalfe of ye Towne write vnto John whipple ye former Clerke, to demand ye books & Recordes of ye Towne: and to be sent by David whipple ye serjant; And a Coppie thereof to be putt vpon publick Record: wch is as followeth providence ye 27th july 1678.

To or Lo: Neighbr John whipple junr fformer Towne Clerke

Mr John whipple.

The Towne being Meett according to Order vpon ye townes Quarter day: Doe heareby desire, & demand yt the Towne Books & Recordes be delivered by yor selfe to ye towne without any further delay: haveing waited beyond the time ℔mitted for you to retaine them out of ye Townes Custody.

By order of ye Towne ℔ me Daniell Abbott Clerke.

we have desired ye bearer heareof (ye towne serjant) to Returne yor Answer: wch was: That ye sd John whipple was not at whome, and his wife had noe order to Deliver them &c

[11] The towne Meett againe according to ye foresd adjurnment.

Capt Arthur ffenner Continues Moderator.

An order for ye discharge vnto John w: ye former clerk for ye books & recordes. vpon delivery there of.

Ordered by ye Towne, yt Roger williams shall joyne with ye Towne Clerke Daniel Abbott, to receive ye Towne books & Recordes of ye former Towne Clerke mr John whipple by a List as they three shall judge fitting. Jt is alsoe ordered, yt ye sayd Roger williams & Daniell Abbott shall have full power in ye Tow|n|es name & behalfe, to give ye former Towne | Clerke mr John whipple | a full Discharge and yt this be done with all conveinent speed. wch appeareth by a List vnder theire handes of ye ℘formance of ye Same. A Coppie of wch List, is to be keept vpon file in ye Clerkes office.

And order for Dan: Ab: for ye recording of his Deeds &c.

Voated by ye Towne, that whereas Daniell Abbott prsented a bill to ye Towne, desireing yt ye Deedes wch concerne ye Landes wch he bought of Robert williams, James Browne, Jeremiah Browne, John Throckmorton & Thomas walling | (& Evidence thereof) | & all of them signed | wch | was This day Read in towne meetting, Jt is granted vnto ye sd Abbott that ye sd Deedes | &c | shall be putt vpon publick Record, Consequently jmplying ye sd Deed signed Robert Morris Likewise, As alsoe ye Deedes signed by John Browne, vnto The aforesd James, and Jeremiah Browne.

An order for ye Transferring of ye Record of ye returne of Dan: Abbott his Land.

Voated & ordered, that whereas ye abovesd Abbott desired in his bill to have Libbertie To Transferr ye Record of ye returne of his Land (Layd out by Capt Arthur ffenner Surveyer) out of ye old Booke (wch is much defaced by ye Jndians &c) into ye New Booke for the more security. The Towne seeth cause to grant his request therein; & soe his Bill is Answered.

And order granting vnto Sam: Comstock 3 quarters of an Acar of Land for his Conveinency.

Whereas Samuell Cumstock did p^rsent a bill to this Towne, This 12^th day of August 1678: desireing y^t they would sell a small peice of Land to y^e quantity of three Quarters of an Acar, The sd peice of Land Lieing betwixt y^e front, or y^e westerne End of y^e sd Samll his Lott, & y^e Common high way, The sd Towne takeing the matter in serious Consideration, & findeing | it | will not damnifie y^e Towne, y^e high way nor any perticuler person, & be very usefull & Beneficiall to y^e sd Samuel for y^e Conveinency of water & other wayes, being to bvild upon y^e sd Lott.

The | towne | doe by a free & full Voate Sell vnto y^e sd Samuel Comstock & heires & Assignes for ever, the sd peice of Land, not exceeding three quarters of an Acar, the sd peice of Land to Lie all | along | the Breadth of y^e sd Samuel his Lott, and to be bovnded by y^e Survey^rs next y^e high way, & to come as neare y^e high way as may be, and not damnifieing y^e sd high way, & being bovnded out by y^e Survey^rs as aforesd, The sd Samuell to be in present possession thereof, & it to remaine y^e vndoubted Right of y^e sd Samuell Comstock & his heires & Assignes for Ever: he y^e sd Samuell Comstock paying therefor to y^e towne or theire order six shillings.

Voated by y^e towne, y^t Joseph woodward his bill exhibitted this Day to desire some accomadation of y^e Towne; be refer'd vnto y^e next Towne meetting.

Assemblys acts read.

The Gen^rll Assemblies Acts y^e 30^th of Aprill; | & | y^e first of May j678: was this day Read in Towne Meatting.

The Meetting is Desolved.

[12] Att a Towne Meetting y^e 16^th day of Octob^r. 1678. / Cap^t Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderatour.

The men Chosen to Serve vpon y^e Grand jnquest in y^e Gen^rll: Court of Tryalls held for his Maj^ties Collony of Road jsland & providence Plantations &c on y^e 23^th of this jnstant Month octob^r. at y^e House of Henry palmer, at New-port in sd Collony, are } Tho: ffeild / walter Roades

Choyce of jury men.

Alsoe y^e petty jury men, to Serve at time & place abovesd, are } George way / & John Steer

Choyce of Deputies.

Likewise Deputies Chosen to sitt in Gen^rll: Assembly on the Last wensday of this jnstant Month octob^r. (in w^ch Assembly a Rate is to be made to pay y^e Collonies Debts) are } Arthur ffen^r: / Nathan: wat^rman / John Sayles Se^r / will: Hopkins.

Gen: Assem: acts Read.

This day was y^e Gen^rll. Assemblies acts (Sitting by Adjurnment on y^e 28^th of August 1678.) Read in y^e Assembly. As Alsoe, y^e Record^rs acctts then Received.

The Meetting is Disolved

Vpon y^e Quarter Day, (y^e 27^th of October 1678.) nothing was acted then by y^e Towne.

Att a Towne Meetting January 27^th. 1678, or 79.

Being y^e Townes Quarter Day.

Roger williams Chosen Moderator.

The Gen: Assemblies acts 30^th of October | Last | , was this day read in towne Meetting.

An order and grant vnto ye winde Saw-mill the owners thereof.

Voted by ye towne vpon ye prsentation of a bill by John Smith (Miller) Thomas Arnold, Nathainell waterman, John whipple Junr, & John Dexter, in ye behalfe of them & ye rest of there pertners, vpon ye 27th of this jnstant January; That ye above named shall have ye full & sole power of ye use of two Acars & halfe of ye Townes Comon, vpon ye hill called hurttlebury hill, any where vpon ye sayd | hill | , where they shall see cause to sett vp a Sawmill; And to be to theire owne proper use & best behoofe of them & theire heires soe Longe as ye sayd mill shall stand, or by them be maintained, & not diserted; and not any other person of this towne to molest or disturbe ye above-sayd men in any respect, till such time as ye abouesayd men shall wholly Disert ye sayd mill, any order hearetofore made to ye Contrary heareof not with standing: and yt ye Surveyer shall Lay out to theire use ye sayd Land and make returne thereof to ye Towne, they sattisfieing the Surveyer for his paines. /

Sam: Comstock his bill suspended.

Voted by ye towne, whereas Samuell Comstock prefered a bill to ye towne this day, desireing ye towne to grant ye Laying out of ye Land wch (he saith) is yet remaineing due vnto him of his fathers Right wch he bought of John Smith (mason:) ye wch hath been debated, & Considering it hath been represented vnto vs as yt Samuell whipple hath to Object against ye Leagall granting ye request of ye sayd Comstock: They sees cause to Suspend an Answer thereto vntill this day come fortnight, wch will be vpon ye 10th of ffeb: next: And then for to give him a finall Answer to his sayd bill.

his bill yet suspended.

[**13**] Whereas ye Last towne meeting (being quarter day & alsoe cal'd by a Magistrate) Samuell Comstocks bill was refered to be Answered by ye

Towne this day: yet because some are not sattisfied, we declare y^t vpon this day being mett, We are a Leagall Meetting of y^e towne, able to Transact any Towne bissinesse, and further to Adjurne or disolve y^e meetting.

Cap^tn Roger williams Continues Moderator of this Assembly wherein there was much Adjetation aboute y^e sayd bill, and yet suspended, the meetting being Adjurned vntill this day come fortnight, w^ch will be vpon y^e 24^th of this jnstant ffeb: j678: or: 79.

The towne mett againe vpon y^e aforesd Adjurnment. ffeb: 24^th: i6$\frac{78}{79}$

Cap^tn Roger williams Continueth Moderator of this Assembly.

The townes answer to y^e bill of Sam: Comstock.

Jt is voted & ordered by y^e towne, that for as much as they having Largely debated y^e matter concerneing y^e bill depending of Samuell Comstock, (and not findeing just groundes to y^e contrary) have seene cause to determine this A meett Answer thereto as followeth (viz) That y^e sayd Land y^e sd Comstock demandes to be Layd out vnto himselfe (as he saith) vpon y^e Right of Land his (deceased) father Samuell Comstock bought of John Smith (mason) of this towne of providence; And whereas | at y^e time appoynted | for y^e drawing of papers for y^e sayd Land, noe other person then (appeareing) Laying Clayme thereto but y^e orriginall man of y^e sayd Right John Smith (mason) by name, who alsoe paying all dues thereto belonging, (y^e sayd Land being already Layd out, & vpon y^e aforesayd orriginall Right) he y^e sayd Smith hath taken possession thereof: And if y^e sayd Comstock doe finde himselfe agreived thereby, w^ch by makeing plainely appeare y^t y^e sayd Smith hath vnjustly (soe) detained

from him his proper Right therein, The Law is open to jmplead him: And this to be taken for y^e^ finall Answer | of | y^e^ towne to y^e^ bill of y^e^ Sayd Samuell Comstock.

Arthur ffenrs grant: yt his

Jt is voted by y^e^ towne, That y^e^ receipt Arthur ffenner had of y^e^ Towne, for y^e^ payment of his purchase money for his purchase Right; may be Entered vpon Record: The w^ch^ is as followeth

providence y^e^ 3^rd^. of y^e^ 10^th^ m: 1649 (soe called)

receipt for his money for purchase Right record-ed.

Rcd of Arthur ffenner y^e^ Sume of thirty Shillings being full Sattisfaction for his purchase money, he haveing full & Eaquall Right in our plantation we say ℞ ℔:

Robert williams
Thomas harris

Entered with y^e^ townes Consent: ffeb: 25^th^. 1678: or: 79: ℔ me Daniell Abbott Clerke of y^e^ Towne. /

A grant of his deede to be Recorded.

Jt is voted by y^e^ towne, That Arthur ffenner may have y^e^ deede of his Land he bought of Joseph wise, Enroled in y^e^ towne booke, The w^ch^ deede bareth date y^e^ 28^th^ day of may. 1673. /

[14] Voted vpon y^e^ p^r^sentation of daniell williams, desire-ing a Little slippe of y^e^ Townes Common on way-bossett side, for Conveinency of fenceing in of his Meaddow w^ch^ he had of his father williams: the w^ch^ is granted | acording to his bill | provided it dami-fies noe conveinent high way, nor take in any pro-hibitted Common of y^e^ Towne. The w^ch^ y^e^ Surveyer is to see vnto in y^e^ Laying out, & make Returne thereof to y^e^ towne.

Dan: wil-liams his bill is granted pro.

Jon ffeildes bill granted. pro.

Voted vpon y^e p^rsentation of John ffeild, desireing y^e exchange of Six Acars of Land w^ch he tooke vp in y^e Neck: And Lay it out | (by y^e surveyer) | on y^e west side of y^e Sault River of y^e towne vpon y^e townes Common | & make returne to y^e tow^ne: | The w^ch is granted, he haveing payd his Change money. Jt being vnderstood, y^t high wayes are not to be damnified.

Sam: winsors bill granted pro.

Voted vpon y^e p^rsentation of Sam: winsor, desireing y^e Exchange of five Acars of Land Lieing in y^e Neck, and to take it Else where vpon the Townes Common: The w^ch is granted provided it damifies noe conveinent high way, nor take in noe Common prohibbitted by y^e Towne The w^ch y^e Surveyer is to see into, & make his returne to y^e towne

Dan: Abbotts request is granted by his bill. pro.

Voted vpon y^e p^rsentation of Dan: Abbott Cl: desireing Libberty to Transferr the Record of y^e Deed (w^ch y^e towne made) of Thomas wallings Land out of y^e old booke into y^e New booke for y^e more Security thereof; by reason y^e old booke is defaced by y^e Jndidians &c. / The w^ch is granted by y^e towne, and Soe his bill is Answered.

George Keech his request granted in his bill. pro.

Voted vpon y^e request of George Keech, inhabitant of Road jsland, desireing y^t y^e deede of his Land he bought of william Hopkins, may be putt vpon publick | records | of this Towne: The w^ch is granted | is granted | by y^e Towne, And soe his bill is Answered. and his deed return'd againe by grant of y^e Towne, he paying y^e Clerke for his paines.

An order & provision making for ye payment of John Sanford.

This Assembly having taken into theire Consideration ye great neccessity of ye Lievying a Rate vpon ye jnhabitants of this Towne to pay the Assessment of Ten povnds in money, or provision at money price, which it pleased ye Genl: Assembly in october Last to Lay vpon vs to helpe for to pay ye Collonys Debts: And whereas we are as yett behinde in ye |none| payment of John Sanford as by his accovnts doth appeare 09£ : 10s : 04d. in Cuntrey pay, which is 06£ : 10s 00d in money pay, or there aboutes: As alsoe in Consideration of ye jncreaseing debt of ye sayd Sanford vpon vs with ye 20s: ye Towne hath voted & ordered That ye Lieviers of ye sayd Rate shall have for theire paines.

An order yt ye Raters shall have 20 shillings for theire paines.

The 20£: Rate.

Jt is therefore voted & ordered by ye Towne, that a Rate of 20£: of current pay of ye Collony at money price, shall be forth with Lievied vpon ye jnhabitants of or Towne to discharge ye aforesayd Engagmts.

The Committees jnstructions to ye Ratemakers.

And in order to ye more speeddy & Effectuall accomplishment thereof, joseph jenkes, Richard Arnold, Thomas ffeild, & Joseph williams are, Chosen to draw aside a Little space of time, to Consider togather of the suitablist prices, wch is meet to be sett on (ye Esteemed) Rateable Estate of ye jnhabitants of this Towne, for ye gathering of ye sayd Rate, for to be a helpe & preparation to ye Lieviers thereof; The wch was accepted by ye Towne for ye jnstructions of ye Rate makers: which is as ffolloweth.

prises of Land.

[15] jmprimus ℔ meaddow Land: one Acar jmproved, to be vallued at } |04 ./ |00 00

	℔ planting Land: one Acar jmproved, to be vallued at	03	00	00
	℔ vakant Land, & vnjmproved: ℔ Acar to be vallued at	00	03	00
	℔ an ox	04	00	00
Cattle.	℔ 4. or five yeare old steers to be vallued at	03	10	00
	℔ Cowes & three yeare old Cattle To be vallued at	03	00	00
	℔ two yeare old Cattle To be vallued at	01	15	00
	℔ yearleings Cattle Each of them To be at	01	00	00
	℔ Horses & Maires aboute 4 yeares old To be vallued at	03	00	00
horses &c.	℔ three yeares old Horses, & horse kinde To be vallued	02	00	00
	℔ two yeare old horse, & horse kinde To be vallued at	01	10	00
	℔ yearleings horse, or horse kinde To be vallued at	01	00	00
swine.	℔ hoggs, or swine, Each of them above a yeare old	00	15	00
sheepe.	℔ sheep above a yeare old To be vallued at	00	04	00

The Raters prieviledge. not being fully tyed to ye sd Comittees jnjunctions, or ye jnstructions. but.

Jt is alsoe further ordered, & to be vnderstood, That ye Rate-makers are not soe strictly tyed vp to ye jnstructions of ye abovesayd Committee, but | yt they | have a Libberty to vary therefrom, as in theire discreession shall seeme meet vnto them in ye Lievying ye sayd Rate, They having the sayd jnstructions as a Line | for | some guide of theire judgement therein. And the major part agreeing, shall stand in | full | force. / and virtue & Effect.

|Jt is alsoe voted & ordered| The men Chosen to Lievy ye

The Rate Committee.

sayd Rate, are Cap^{tn} ffenner, John whipple jun^{r}, Nathaniell waterman, Daniell williams, and Thomas Arnold; who are to accomplish y^{e} | sd | worke with all convey|n|ence speed as may be.

Order for a Rate: to pay John Smith Surveyer.

Jt is alsoe voted & ordered by y^{e} Towne, That a Rate shall speedily be Lievied vpon y^{e} jnhabitants of this Towne, on | all | such who hath Right of Commoning in this o^{r} Towne-shippe of providence To make pay (to Answer y^{e} Townes Engagements.) vnto John Smith Surveyer | & his attendance | , who was jmplyed in y^{e} Townes name & behalfe in Runing y^{e} Lines of Division for y^{e} bovndes betweene the men of providence & y^{e} men of pautuxett.

Meetting dessolved.

The meetting is Adjurned vntill this day come seaven-night, which | will | be vpon y^{e} 3rd. of march. next Ensueing. y^{e} date heareof. i678: or 79.

The Towne is againe Assembled according to y^{e} Adjurnement. | to | this 3rd of march i678: or: 79. /

Roger williams Continueth Moderator of the Assembly.

An order aboute ye publication of ye Rate.

Ordered y^{t} writtings shall be fixed on a publick places in this Towne, to jnforme y^{e} jnhabitants y^{t} a Rate is to be | be | made. That they prepaire themselues to pay it. A Coppie thereof is as followeth.

[16] A Coppie of ye publication of ye rate.

Voted The towne having agreed vpon a Rate of Twenty povnds Starleing to be Lievyed vpon y^{e} jnhabitants of this Towne, & Chosen five men Cap^{tn} ffenner, | John whipple jun^{r} | Nathaniell waterman, Dan: williams, & Thomas Arnold to be y^{e} Rate

makers: This is from y^e^ Towne to desire all y^e^ jnhabitants of this Towne to bringe into any of y^e^ aforesayd Raters, within i4 dayes After y^e^ date heareof, The quantity of theire Land & Meadows Layd out to them, jmproved & vnjmproved, As alsoe what Cattle of any Sort they have, otherwise none can justly be offended, if y^e^ Raters only use what jnformation they can get.

This by order of y^e^ Towne, ℔ Dan: Abbott Clerk of y^e^ towne

The Engagmt Administred vnto will: Hopkins.

Whereas William Hopkins of this Towne, was at o^r^ Last Election day for Towne Officers, Chosen to y^e^ Office of a Towne Treasurur, who then refused Engagement to his sayd Office He hath (this 3^rd^. day of march. j678: or: 79), Now (in y^e^ face of y^e^ Towne meetting) taken his Engagem^t^ (by a majestrate) to his Sayd Office. /

an order for publication of Each mans part of y^e^ Rate. As alsoe for y^e^ Treasurers order to giue discharges.

Jt is voted & ordered, that when y^e^ Raters hath brought in theire acctts what Each jnhabitants part is to pay of y^e^ sayd Rate; Then an order to this Effect shall be set vp vpon publick places for jnformation to y^e^ jnhabitants of o^r^ Towne, what Each man's proposion is to pay of y^e^ Sayd Rate; who are heareby ordered for to pay in theire sayd part or share thereof (without delay) into o^r^ Towne Treasurer at his dwelling in this Towne of providence who shall then give them full discharges, for what he shall receiue of them. who is to have for his paines, as y^e^ Law Allows.

An Order for y^e^ Clerke to be payd p Coppies &c.

Jt is voted & ordered by y^e^ towne, That what Coppies of o^r^ Towne | Acts | the Raters shall have occation to make use of in y^e^ accomplishing of y^e^ sayd worke of y^e^ Towne therein; The Clerke shall write

Coppies thereof for them, to be payd for his paines, out of the Rate when it is Lievyed.

Jt is voted & ordered by y^e^ Towne, That whereas Andrew Edmunds hath prefered a bill to y^e^ Towne this day, desireing of y^e^ towne (in referance to his service done in y^e^ warr time) y^e^ accomodation of aboute two Acars of Land for his Conveinency neere y^e^ water side at y^e^ place (in o^r^ neck) commonly Called y^e^ narrow passage, he chuseing it there for his Conveinency for y^e^ building him a house; he (there) intending y^e^ keeping of a fferry he saith.

Andrew Edmunds bill granted, & a granting

The w^ch^ y^e^ Towne Considering of, have seen cause to order, & is hereby ordered & granted vnto y^e^ afored sayd Andrew Edmunds his Conveineny there (if y^t^ it may be) at place Afforesayd, The quantity of four Acars of Land, & not Exceeding | that Complement. |

[17] And y^e^ Surveyer of y^e^ Towne, who shall be jmplyed in y^e^ Laying out y^e^ sayd Land, shall see to y^e^ retaineing (theire to y^e^ townes | use |) a suitable and Conveinent prievelledge (alsoe) not with standing: And make returne thereof to y^e^ towne | according | to its proper plattforme thereof; |according| as y^e^ Towne order^s^ doth jnjoyne y^e^ Surveyers, in y^e^ respect of theire Laying out of Land:

his bill ffully granted.

The w^ch^ aforesayd quantity of Land by y^e^ Towne granted, being alsoe soe Layd out as y^e^ townes prievelledges to y^e^ ferry be not jnfringed theireby, as before expressed is provided theirein; The sayd Land is heareby given & granted, & to be y^e^ vndoubted Right of y^e^ sayd Andrew Edmunds, to him, & | to revirt to | his heires for Ever.

The reason for ye refuseing ye Entrey of Jon whipples protest.

Voted by ye towne, that ye protestation wch John whipple putt in agnst ye Rate for ye paying of John Smith Surveyer be refused, because of those false Charges vpon ye towne jtselfe theirein Contained.

Order for ye sume of ye Rate to be Lievyed for John Smith Surveyer.

Jt is voted by ye towne, that whereas at ye Last towne meetting they agreed yt a Rate should be Lievyed vpon ye Towne to make payment vnto John Smith Surveyer, as is in ye sayd order more fully exprest: The towne doth now determine yt ye sayd sume to be Lievied for ye payment aforesayd, shall be 11£ 13s 00d. in money, or Equevilent to money price; And is heareby ordered to be gathered with all Conveinent speed,

To steere by ye former order.

Jt is alsoe voted, that what orders weare made concerneing the former Rate, may serve soe farr as they will suite, for the propegateing of this Rate (for John Smith) alsoe.

The Committee to Lievy ye ye Rate. /

The men Chosen to Lievy ye sayd Rate of 11£. 13s. 00d. are Capt: ffenner, Daniell williams, & Samuell winsor, who are heareby ordered, to see to ye accomplihing thereof without much further delay: The Major part agreeing, shall stand in full force virtue & Effect. /

Joseph woodwards bill reffered.

Voted. yt Joseph woodward's bill be referred to ye next Meetting.

The Meetting is Disolved.

[18] Heare followeth ye Enrolement of ye Commissioners Warrant. /

Att his Majties Court of Comisionrs held at providence in ye Collony of Road jsland & providence plantations &c, By

adjurnment, The 17th of November j677: By his Majties speciall Comand &c:

To Mr Thomas Olney and Mr John whipple Assistants of ye Towne of providence Greetting &c

The Enrolmt of ye warrant of his Majesties Court of Commissionrs.

You are in his Majties Name desiered & requiered with all Conveinent speed To Summons The ffreemen of ye sd Towne of providence, To meet Togather, Then & there to make Choyce of; Authorize, and jmpower, soe many of ye sayd freemen as you shall judge requesitt, or needfull, To Runn a direct Lyne from ye head of Wanashqutuckett, a Th|war|t to pautuxett River, and Then to Runn a Line Equaly Betweene the sayd Rivers of pautuxett and Wanashqutuckett, till they meet with the aforesayd Thwart Line, according to the virdicts of jury and judgements Of Court thereon granted and for yor soe doeing This shall be your suffient warrant, Given vnder our hands ye 24th of November j677.

Symon Lyne	Thomas Hinckley President
D: Hinchman	James Cudworth
George Denison	Peleg Sanford
Daniel wetherell	John Coggeshall

This is a Coppie of the orriginall Compared and Examined By Peleg Sanford

Enroled ye 6th of March j678: or: 79: ℔ D: Abbott Clerke of ye Towne /

*See in ye 8th page of this booke.

And by ye order of ye Towne * /

Att a Towne meetting Aprill 28th. j679. Arthur ffenner Moderatr.

Voted whereas or Towne doe take themselues Greatly Dam-

Order of desire for ye Ortering of Courts.

nified by ye Courts being Generally keept at New-port, we being Constantly Constrained there to appeare, the wch is very hard in this our poverty & Low Condition, And whereas it is Generally sayd yt ye Collony would remove such Courts as are remoueable according to Charter, if there be suiteable provission made for ye sayd Courts by ye sd seaverall townes: We ye sd Towne of providence if ye sayd Courts may be be removed Doe Engage that they will make sufficient & suitable provission for ye sd Courts to be keept at, and other accomadations as ye rest of ye Townes doe according to or abillities: And alsoe, we have desired yt or Towne Deputies shall propegate as abouesd, in ye Genrll Assembly at New-port on or behalfes. And a Coppie heareof to be written out by ye Clerke (vpon demand,) for or sd Deputies jnstructions.

[**19**] Att a Towne meetting Aprill ye 28th 1679. Arthur ffenner Moderatr:/

The meetting is Adjorned vntill 2 a clock in ye After noone.

The towne is againe Assembled according to ye Adjurnement. Capt: ffenner Continues Moderatr: /

Deputies

Captn Arthur ffenner, william Carpenter, Joseph jenckes, & Richard Arnold, are Chosen by ye Towne to Sitt in Gen: Assembly at New-port, to Transact in ye Affaires of ye Goverm^t of his Majesties Collony of Road jsLand & providence plantations on ye first Tewsday, & first wensday in may next, in ye behalfe of ye Towne of providence;

Grand jury

Daniell Williams & Samuell Tift, are Chosen by ye Towne to serve vpon ye Grand jury, in ye Gen:

Court of Tryalls, to be held for his Majesties Collony at New-port, on y^e^ first Munday After y^e^ first wensday att the house of Robert Lavis, in sd Collony, in may next.

petty jury. Joseph jenckes, & Joseph williams are Chosen by y^e^ Towne to serve vpon y^e^ jury of Tryalls, in y^e^ gen^rll^, Court of Tryalls to be held for this his Maj^ties^ Collony att New-port, Att y^e^ house of Robert Lavis, on y^e^ first monday After y^e^ first wensday in may next, att Eight of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ morning.

Arthur's bill granted Jt is voted vpon y^e^ p^r^sentation of a bill by Arthur ffenner, bareing date this 28^th^ of Aprill 1679 That his request therein is granted, & alsoe y^e^ sd bill to be Recorded, w^ch^ is as ffolloweth.

To y^e^ Towne of providence | Now | Mett this 28^th^. of Aprill 1679

Whereas M^r^ William ffeild Laid out vnto me Arthur ffenner some percells of Land, belonging vnto my purchase Right, in y^e^ yeare j657) he being now deceased, & hath not returned y^e^ bovndes of my Land to be recorded; My request to this Towne is, that they would be pleased to order, that my Land may now be recorded I y^e^ sd ffenner bringing in my bovndes w^ch^ I have justly keept; And alsoe my ffurther request is; That whereas Richard waterman Layd out vnto me Arthur ffenner Some percells of Land belonging vnto my purchase Right in y^e^ yeare j659, & hath not Return'd it to be Recorded: My request vnto this | towne | is, That I bringing in my bovndes I may have my Land Recorded.

The Entrey of Arthur's bill.

Arthur ffenner.

This above written bill was Entered vpon Record with y^e^

Townes Consent, Aprill y^e^ 28^th^. j679 ℔ Daniell Abbott Clerke

Jos. woodward's bill referd

Joseph woodward's bill was againe adgettated, & yet Refer'd vnto y^e^ next Towne meetting.

The Meetting is Disolved.

[**20**] Att an Election of Towne Officers june y^e^ Second j679: /

Cap^t^ Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderator.

Daniell Abbott Chosen Clerke & Engaged.

Thomas Clemence Chosen Cunstable & Engaged.

Samuell Tiff Chosen Cunstable

George way Chosen Serjant & Engaged.

William Hopkins Chosen Treasuer

The Election of Towne Officers.

Roger Williams
Henry Browne
& Edward Smith

} are chosen to be added to y^e^ Gen^rll^ Officers to make vp y^e^ Towne Councell for this Ensueing yeare

Arthur ffenner & William Hopkins are Chosen to be y^e^ Surveyers for y^e^ Lay-ing out of Land for this Ensueing yeare.

Edward jnman, & Benjamin Hernden are Chosen to see to y^e^ repaireing of y^e^ high wayes of this Towne for this Ensueing yeare.

Jt is voted by y^e^ towne, That whereas seaverall of y^e^ jnhabitants of this Towne of providence hath this day in y^e^ face of this Meetting seene cause to give & bestow vpon Joseph woodward jnhabitant amongst vs (Each of them) a certaine quantitie of Land, The which To be deducted out of theire Second shares of sixty Acars (w^ch^ is Agreed vpon by y^e^ Towne (alread) to be Layd out vnto

The grant and gift vnto Joseph Woodward.

every ye propietors thereof, between ye Lines (sett by ye towne) called ye second divission) as by theire drawing for by papers Each theire turne vpon Record may appeare: And yt ye sd seaverall quantities given by ye sd persons as heareafter Exprest, is by ye towne granted vnto ye sd woodwards his Conveinencie to be Layd out (togather (by our Towne Surveyer (& according to his discression) not damnifying thereby any Conveinent high wayes) neare vnto Loqussuck: Who shall make his returne thereof to this Towne; The which names of ye jnhabitants, & quantities of Land as aforesd, is as followeth

The names of ye persons.

	Acars.
Roger williams five Acars of Land.	5.
Arthur ffenner foure Acars of Land.	4.
Edward jnman Three Acars of Land.	3.
Thomas Arnold foure Acars of Land.	4.
Edward Smith Three Acars of Land.	3.
william Hopkins five Acars of Land.	5.
Henry Browne Two Acars of Land.	2.
Thomas Clemence Two Acars of Land.	2.
Samuell winsor Two Acars of Land.	2.
Zachariah ffeild Three Acars of Land.	3.
Daniell Abbott one Acar of Land.	1.
The totall is	34.

[21] Jt is alsoe further ordered, that what other jnhabitants (futurely) shall see cause (vpon Consideration) to bestow vpon ye sd woodward (Land,) in ye Like nature, as before appereth:

his further grant.

Jt is granted by ye Towne, (he getting ye surveyer

to Lay it out) in orderly Condition as aforesd | & | Jt to be taken | vp | togather for his Convenencie; as before | is | more fully exprest:

Grant of Sam: winsors exchange of his Land.

Jt is ordered by y^e^ Towne, that Samuell winsor hath Libberty granted him for to Lay downe Five Acars of Land in y^e^ new feilds, And for to have it Layd out vnto him (by our Towne Surveyer) at a place more Convenient for him, Adjoyneing vnto his other Land, Lieing on y^e^ back side of our Towne Lotts, & on y^e^ north side of his sd Land for his more Conveninencie by him soe desired.

Adjurnement.

Jt is voted by y^e^ Towne, y^t^ y^é^ meetting is Adjurned vntill this day come three weeks, which will be vpon the 23^th^ day of this jnstant month june j679: / There being Seaverall bills | now | depending.

The towne is mett againe according to y^e^ abovesayd Adjurnement | to this 23^rd^ of june: j679: | Cap^t^: ffenner Continueth Moderator.

Jt is voted y^t^ y^e^ gen^rll^ Courts acts may y^e^ 6^th^, j679: shall be this day read in Towne meetting.

A publication of order concerning y^e^ Towne rate.

Voted. Whereas there was an Act made at a Towne meetting the 27^th^ of jonuary Last past, That Each person in this towne y^t^ is Rateable should bringe in vnto the Lieviers of y^e^ Rate An accovnt of theire Estates the which hath not been done: These are to signifie to all persons in this Towne y^t^ are Rateable, That by this day come seaven-night, they bringe in an Accovnt of theire Landes & meddowes Layd out to them jmproved & vnjmproved, As alsoe what Cattle of any sort they have (according to y^e^ Towne order made in y^e^ Above sd meetting,) to Cap^t^: ffenner, Cap^t^:

Hopkins, Richard Arnold, Thomas Arnold, & Dan: Abbott or Either of them, As to be A guide in y^e^ Lievieing the sayd Rate; or other wise, they cannot justly be offended, if they happen to be over Rated by y^e^ abouementioned Lieviers thereof. Jn y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ Towne, A Coppie of this order is Signed, & Sett vp in some publick place for jnformation

℔ Dan: Abbott Clerke

Richard Arnold's percells of Meddow.

[**22**] Jt is voted by y^e^ Towne, that y^e^ Three returnes made to y^e^ Towne by John whipple jun^r^: Surveyer, on y^e^ 3^rd^. of june: j678: of his Laying out of Seaverall percells of Meddow to Richard Arnold (as in y^e^ sayd Returnes is more fully expressed:) Jt is granted y^t^ they shall be putt vpon y^e^ publick record of y^e^ Towne*; soe y^e^ Clerke be sattisfied for his paines.

*See it in 23th page of y^e^ book of y^e^ Towne, in y^e^ Entry of Land Evidences.

Shadrach manton's Land.

Jt is voted by y^e^ Towne, that y^e^ returne made to y^e^ Towne by Cap^t^: ffenner Surveyer, in y^e^ face of this Towne meetting) of Twenty five Acars of Land Layd out vnto Shadrach Manton, as in y^e^ sd returne is more fully exprest:) Jt is granted to be putt vpon publick record of y^e^ Towne, Soe y^e^ Clerke be Sattisfied for his paines.

Epe: olney his gift vnto joseph woodward.

Memorand: That Epenatus Olney hath given vnto Joseph woodward Three Acars of Land, in Nature & quallity, as others of y^e^ jnhabitants all ready have done.

Gen: Assemblies acts read.

Jt is voted. That y^e^ Gen^rll^ Assemblies acts may y^e^ 6^th^, j679: shall be) putt vpon publick record of y^e^ Towne[1] The w^ch^ Sayd acts was) this day read in y^e^ face of y^e^ Meetting.

[1] The words "putt vpon publick record of y^e^ Towne" are crossed out in the original.

Adjurnement. Jt is voted. That this meetting be Adjurned vntill this day come fortnight, which will | be | vpon y^e 7^th day of july next Ensueing. at nine of y^e Clock in y^e morneing, and at y^e p^rsent dwelling house of Dan: Abbott.

The towne is Againe Assembled according to the Adjurnement Cap^t ffenner Continues Moderat^r.

concerning ye rate Ordered. whereas Cap^t ffenner, Cap^t Hopkins, Richard Arnold Tho: Arnold, & Dan: Abbott; were ordered & Appoynted for y^e Levieing of A rate of 20^£ vpon y^e Jnhabitants of o^r Towne, the w^ch was to be accomplished & p^rsented to y^e Towne this day, the w^ch hath now been done: And whereas y^e sd persons in y^e Levieing y^e sd rate, hath Augmen y^e sd 20^£ to 27^£: the towne haveing Considered thereof, have seen cause to accept of y^e same.

27^£: is y^e Sum: And therefore Jt is voted & ordered, that y^e sayd 27^£: shall be y^e sd Summe to be gathered any order or act, Clause or Clauses | made | to y^e Contrary heareof not w^th standing

Jt is alsoe ordered, & voted by y^e towne, that y^e abovesd rate accepted of by y^e towne, shall | the | remaine in y^e office vntill y^e next quarter meetting, w^ch will be vpon y^e 27 day of this jnstant month july j679

Joseph williams gift vnto Joseph woodward. Memorand: That Joseph williams hath bestowed vpon Joseph woodward three Acars of Land, in y^e same nature & quallity as others Already have done as vpon the Towne record in this booke may appeare. /

Tho: Harris his gift vnto Joseph woodward. [**23**] Thomas Harris jun^r, hath alsoe given vnto y^e sd woodward two Acars of Land in nature & quallity as others aforesd have done. /

Samuell whipple hath given one Acar of Land vnto y^e^ sayd Joseph woodward as others Already have done.

Sam: whipple his gift.

Ordered by y^e^ towne, that y^e^ Returne made to y^e^ towne by Cap^t^ Hopkins the towne Survey^r^, of Land Layd out vnto Sam: winsor by way of exchange: Js this day granted to be putt vpon publick record of this Towne. /

Sam: winsor his Land granted to be.

Ordered Alsoe, y^t^ y^e^ returne of Land made to y^e^ towne this day by Cap^t^ ffenner Survey^r^ & Layd out vnto Samuell winsor, according as in y^e^ sd returne it is exprest: Jt is granted vnto y^e^ sayd winsor y^t^ y^e^ sd returne shall be putt vpon publick of y^e^ Towne. * /

Sam: winsor his Land. *see in y^e^ 25th page of the Towne booke of y^e^ Entry of Land Evidences.

Voted. that Parden Tillinghasts deed of Sayle vnto Sam: winsor, bareing Date y^e^ 2^rd^. of may j679: shall be putt vpon publick record of y^e^ towne.

Sam: winsors deed of parden Tillhast.

Voted & granted alsoe, vpon y^e^ sd Sam: winsors request, that the Deed of Sale made to him by his deceased father Joshua winsor, bareing date y^e^ 2^rd^: day of December j67i: / shall be putt vpon publick record of y^e^ Towne: /

Sam: winsors deed of his ffather.

Voted. that this meetting be Disolved

Jt being noted, y^t^ y^e^ Rate accepted by y^e^ towne, at y^e^ next quarter meetting, be further ordered aboute:

Att a Towne meetting july y^e^ 27^th^, 1679: /

Cap^t^ Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderatour. /

Voted. vpon y^e^ Request of will: haughkings (sen^r^) in his bill desireing of y^e^ towne this day y^t^ y^e^ Deed w^ch^ he had of Robert williams Bareing Date y^e^ 22^rd^ of Aprill j675. shall be putt vpon y^e^ publick record of this Towne

will: hakings his bill granted.

And alsoe y^e^ Deed w^ch^ he had of John Sayles: of theire Rights of Land beyond y^e^ 7 mile Line sett by order of this Towne of providence, both of w^ch^ according as is | in | the sd deeds expressed The sd Sayles Deed bareing Date y^e^ 26^th^. day of may 1663: / Both which deedes being this | day | read in this Towne meetting.

Jt is granted vnto y^e^ sd Haughkings accordingly.

his bill referred.

Another bill of y^e^ sd Haughkings desireing y^e^ Laying out of his Rights beyond y^e^ 7 mile Line: The w^ch^ bill is Referred vnto y^e^ next Towne meetting.

A Towne meetting for ye pubication of his Majties Letter: in this Towne:

[**24**] Att a Towne meetting on y^e^ 21^th^ of july 1679

The w^ch^ meetting was called for y^e^ publication: of his Maj^ties^ Letter to this Collony; the w^ch^ Letter bareth date the 12^th^ day of ffebruary j67$\frac{8}{9}$ On w^ch^ day of y^e^ abovesd meetting, Joseph jenkes of this Towne of providence gave vnto Joseph Woodward of this towne foure Acars of Land: *

Att A Quarter Court on y^e^ 27^th^. of july j679

Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner Chosen Modera^r^:

Voted, whereas y^e^ Towne haveing Chosen 5 Men Cap^t^: ffenner, Cap^t^: Hopkins, Richard Arnold, Thomas Arnold, & Dan: Abbott for y^e^ Leivying a Rate of 20^£^. on y^e^ Jnhabitants of this Towne, w^ch^ they have Augmented to 27^£^: y^e^ w^ch^ they p^r^sented to y^e^ Towne (on y^e^ 7^th^. of this jnstant) vnder theire handes, & was | accepted by the towne to be | y^e^ sd Sume to be gathered as vpon Record may appeare.

And for y^e^ accomplishment whereof, Jt is heareby ordered;

* This paragraph is written in the upper left hand corner.

An order aboute Rate.

y^e^ Clerke shall Coppy out y^e^ List of y^e^ sd Rate & deliver it into y^e^ Custody of Thomas Clemons, & Sam: Tiff, (or Either of them); the Towne Cunstables; to be a guide vnto them in y^e^ gathering y^e^ sd Rate with all Conveynent speed; of Each jnhabitant theire seaverall proposions thereof; The w^ch^ Receiveing; they shall deliver it into our Towne Treasurer; who shall give them discharges accordingly

And whosoever of y^e^ jnhabitants, shall neglect, or refuse to pay in theire sd proposions soe vpon demand; The sayd Cunstable, or Cunstables repaireing to, & makeing Returne of y^e^ Names of y^e^ defective persons vnto o^r^ justices of y^e^ peace; | then they | shall receive A warrant to take by destraint y^e^ sd proposions of y^e^ defective persons without much further delay.

Jt is also ordered, y^t^ y^e^ Clarke shall Coppy out this above-written, for y^e^ Cunstables order.

Ordered. That y^e^ Clerke shall have one shillinge | by y^e^ Treasurer | pd him for y^e^ Coppy of y^e^ sd List of y^e^ Rate, or soe much deducted out of his Rate.

Aboute y^e^ rate.

And whereas at y^e^ towne meetting on y^e^ 27^th^ of january Last past vpon Adjurnem^t^: the Towne Chose Three men Cap^t^: ffen^r^: Dan: williams, & Sam: winsor for y^e^ Leivieing a Rate of of ii:£: 13^s^, for y^e^ paym^t^: of John Smith Survey:^r^ & his attendance; Jt is voted & ordered, That y^e^ Leiviers of y^e^ sd Rate shall have payd for theire paines (Each of them) four shillings, or deducted out of theire sd Rate when it is gathered.

And for as much as Dan: williams have refused to supply in y^e^ sd place: Jtt is ordered, y^t^ Dan: Abbott (being Chosen by y^e^ Towne this day) shall be placed w^th^: the other two in his stead.

The Meetting is Desolved. /

[25] Hannah peirce y^e^ wife of Ephraim peirce of this towne of providence, Sollemly testifie, as ffolloweth

A Testimony. or Evidence concerning y^e^ death of Hanah peirce.

That Elizabeth peirce y^e^ Daughter of y^e^ Sayd Ephraim peirce & Hannah his wife, on y^e^: 14^th^: of this jnstant Some what before y^e^ Sunn setting with her Elder sister went out of y^e^ house: this deponant thinking after y^t^, she heard y^e^ sd Children Talke, the Children being without abovte halfe an houre, then y^e^ Elder Child returned in againe, then this deponant asked y^e^ sd Child where is yo^r^ Sister, She Answered, she is gone downe y^t^ way, (w^ch^ way Led to y^e^ well, & pond) then this deponant run hastily downe that way to y^e^ sd well, where she fovnd her sd Daughter Aged aboute one yeare & halfe, over whelmed in watter in y^e^ sd well, wherevpon this deponant with speed tooke her sd Childe out of y^e^ well & run into y^e^ house: & Layd | it | on y^e^ bed, where this deponant w^th^ Mehitteble Sprague used what meanes they covld to preserue Life, but Life was departed, & y^e^ sd Childe ded: and ffurther this deponant Saith not.

Taken: August. y^e^ 15^th^: j679: before me

John whipple Assist:

Entered vpon Record of y^e^ Last of August j679: ℔ Dan: Ab: Cl: ⁄

A Testimony.

Mehittable Sprague of y^e^ towne of providence Aged thirty yeares or there aboutes being Engaged Testifieth as ffolloweth

That she vpon occation being on y^e^ 14^th^ of this jnstant at y^e^ y^e^ house of Ephraim peirce, & goeing from thence whomeward a Little before y^e^ setting of y^e^ sun, heareing a Suddaine | noyse | Looked aboute, & saw Hannah peirce y^e^ wif–of y^e^ sd Ephraim run downe y^e^ hill to y^e^

well & there pulled out Elizabeth peirce y^e^ Daughter of y^e^ sd Ephraim And hannah his wife, then this deponant returned with speed to y^e^ house of y^e^ sd Ephraim, where y^e^ sd hannah had Layd her sayd Daughter on y^e^ bed, where this deponant Sayth to y^e^ best of her vnderstanding she fovnd y^e^ sd Elizabeth peirce the Daughter of y^e^ sd Ephraim Aged aboute one yeare & halfe to be Absolute dedd, though this deponant & y^e^ sd mother of y^e^ sd Childe did use what meanes they covld to preserue Life: but it covld not be for y^e^ Childe as aforesd was dedd And ffurther this deponant sath not. Taken this: 15^th^: of August i679 before me John whipple Assistant

Entered on Record August i679: / By Dan: Abb: Cl:

[26] Heare followeth y^e^ jurys Virdict.

Our Virdict is:

Wee finde that Elizabeth peirce y^e^ Daughter of Ephraim peirce and hannah his wife, Aged aboute one yeare & halfe or there abouts, accidentally fell into y^e^ well, & was over whelmed in water, & by y^e^ providence of god Drowned.

The names of y^e^ Crowners jnquest.

Heare followeth y^e^ Names of y^e^ Crowners jn̄qest:

Richard Arnold foreman	Epenatus Olney
Cap^tn^: William hopkins	Thomas Hopkins
Lei^t^: John Dexter	Thomas harris jun^r^
Samuell Comstock	Benjamin whipple
Thomas Arnold	John Tillinghast
Samuell Winsor	Henry Austen

These abouesd persons were jmpannelled on a Crowners jnquest, to make Enquiry into y^e^ vntimely Death of Elizabeth peirce, y^e^ Daughter of Ephraim & hannah his wife Aged aboute one yeare & halfe. August y^e^ j5^th^: one thousand Six hundred & seaventy nine.

℔ me John Whipple Assistt:

Entered vpon Record on y^e^ Last of August j679: /
℔ Daniell Abbott Cl:

[27] The towne of providence Assembled on this 15^th^ of this jnstant month October 1679: /

Cap^tn^: William Hopkins Chosen Modderator of y^e^ Assembly.

acts read. The Gen^rll^: Assemblies acts at | theire | Remeetting by y^e^ Govern^rs^: warrant Conveined y^e^ 9^th^ of july 1679: (Jt being sooner then y^e^ time Exprest in y^e^ adjurnement of the Assembly) was this day Read in towne meetteing.

Deputies. William Harris, Tho: ffeild, Vallentine whittman & Thomas Harris jun^r^: are Chosen to Transact | as deputies | in y^e^ Gen^rll^: Assembly att New-port on y^e^ Last wensday of this jnstant month:

Grand-jury Samuell winsor, & John Tillinghast, are Chosen to serve on y^e^ grand-jury on y^e^ Last wensday Save one on this jnstant October | in | y^e^ Gen^rll^: Court of Tryalls at New-port.

petty jury. Daniell williams, & John Dexter, are Chosen to Serve vpon y^e^ jury of Tryalls in y^e^ Gen^rll^: Covrt of Tryalls at New-port on y^e^ Last wensday Save one in this jnstant October j679: /

The meetting is disolved. /

The Towne mett this 27^th^ of October j679:

Roger Williams Chosen Modderator of y^e^ Assembly.

The grant of record of Ephraim peirce's Land. Voted. That y^e^ returne made to y^e^ towne this day by John whipple (Surveyer) of his Laying out of 35 Acars of Land vnto Ephraim peirce (in y^e^ month of ffebruary in y^e^ yeare j677:) may be putt vpon y^e^ publick record of y^e^ towne: As alsoe y^e^ 25 Acars of Land

Layd out vnto y^e^ sd Epraim by william Hopkins (Surveyer:) on y^e^ 24^th^ of this jnstant is granted Likewise to be recorded: The w^ch^ was returned to y^e^ towne this p^r^sent day.

The meetting is Desolved.

[28] Att a Towne meetting on y^e^ 15^th^ of Novem^r^: j679 (w^ch^ was called by virtue of y^e^ Govern^r^s: Comandm^t^: in order to y^e^ ℘formance of y^e^ Execution by his Majesty Commanded in a case formerly brought to Tryall, at y^e^ Court of Commission^r^s: between will: Harris & partners; & y^e^ Towne of providence.)

Cap^tn^: Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderator of this Assembly

Three men Chosen.

Voted. by y^e^ towne that they make choyce of three men to appeare (as | Agents | on y^e^ townes behalfe) before y^e^ Govern^r^: & Covncill at new-port on y^e^ 17^th^ of this jnstant november, then & there to Answer y^e^ Govern^r^s warrant, to o^r^ justices, for Composeing a Complyance w^th^ y^e^ Execution by his Majesty Command in y^e^ | sd | case formerly brought to Tryall, at an Especiall Court of Commission^r^s: between william Harris & partners; & y^e^ Towne of providence:

The three men Chosen by y^e^ towne to make Answer as abovesayd, are, Gregory Dexter, Arthur ffenner, & Stephen Arnold.

Jt is voted & ordered, that y^e^ three men abovementioned, shall have A Coppie of y^e^ above written order of y^e^ towne, Signed by y^e^ Clerke in y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ towne, To be as theire instruction & Commission to Transact in y^e^ p^r^: mises accordingly.

Whereas there is in o^r^ Towne a vote passed by seaverall of

o^{r} neighbours in o^{r} meetting y^{e} i5th of november j679: And Choyce made of three men as is pretended to make Answer on y^{e} Townes behalfe before y^{e} Govern^{r} and Covncill y^{e} j7th jnstant at New-port

We whose names are heare vnto subscribed, for these reasons doe protest agst y^{e} sd voate, first y^{e} towne is not concerned in y^{e} Execution, but perticular | per- | persons; Secondly some voaters not Engaged Allegance 3^{ly} Some voaters not concerned to voate:

protests against it.

Thomas Harris Sen^{r}	Richard Arnold
Eliazer whiple	Jo^{n} whipple Assistant
vallentiine whittman	Tho: Olney jun^{r}:
william vincent	John whipple Sen^{r}:
Nathaniell waterman	william Carpenter
Joseph jenckes	Tho: ffeild
Andrew harris	Samuell whipple
Benjamin whipple	Epenatus Olney
Thomas harris	Joseph williams

[29] Att a Towne meetting on y^{e} 22^{rnd}. of Desemb^{r}: i679: Cap^{tn} Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderator.

Voted. Whereas y^{e} towne hath ffrom time to time Taken Speciall care for y^{e} gathering of y^{e} Rate of 27^{li}. Lievied on this Towne, As vpon Record may appeare: And whereas y^{e} Generallity of y^{e} Jnhabitants hath heitherto failed in y^{e} ℔formance thereof according as y^{e} Towne orders doth enjoyne them concerneing y^{e} sd Rate; These are therefore | once more | to signifie vnto all persons of this Towne therein concerned, That they doe Each of them (according to y^{e} List of y^{e} Rate) bring into o^{r} Towne Treas-

Still aboute y^{e} sd Rate.

urery (to Cap^{tn} Hopkins) within i4 dayes of y^{e} date heareof, theire sayd propossions of y^{e} sd Rate, or other-wise may expect warrant Speedily Jsued forth for destraint

Voted. That a Coppie of this Towne order be sett vp in some publick place for information, & signed by y^{e} Clerke in y^{e} behalfe of y^{e} sd Towne:

℔ | me | Dan: Abbott Clerke

The Meetting is desolved./

Att a Towne meetting on y^{e} 27th of january j6$\frac{7}{8}\frac{8}{0}$:/

John whipple jun^{r}: Chosen Moderator.

parden Tillinghast's grant.

Voted vpon y^{e} request of Parden Tillinghast by bill p^{r}sented to y^{e} towne, that they would be pleased to accomidate him with a Little Spott of Land (against his dwelling place) above high-water mark) of Twenty ffoott Square, for y^{e} building himshelfe A store house, with y^{e} prieveladge of A whorfe Alsoe.

The towne vpon Consideration, hath granted his request therein, He getting y^{e} Towne Survey^{r}: for to Lay out y^{e} sd quantity of Land granted him, within y^{e} Compass of y^{e} Breadth of | his | home Lotts, And for to make the returne to y^{e} towne.

Voted. Whereas John worner of y^{e} towne of warwick came this day to this Towne of providence, & p^{r}sented a bill concerneing his father (John worner's) former Right of Land in this Towne of providence; The towne vpon Consideration, hath seene cause to refferr y^{e} Answer (w^{ch} they shall | see | cause to give him) to his bill) vnto y^{e} next Towne meetting, w^{ch} will | be | vpon y^{e} 4th. day of ffebruary next Ensueing.

Voted. That y^{e} meetting be Adjurned vntill tomorrow, at nine of y^{e} Clock in y^{e} morneing.

[**30**] The towne is againe Assembled | January y^e^ 28^th^. | according to y^e^ Adjurnement John whipple Continues Mod.^r^:

Voted By y^e^ towne vpon y^e^ p^r^sentation of a bill by M^r^ Roger williams Concerneing paym^t^ of | house | Rent & Clerkes fees, and Serjant's wages, Jt is ordered by y^e^ Towne That Dan: Abbott shall have of this Towne, the | full & | just Sume of forty shillings in Currant pay of this Collony to be payd to Dan: Abbott aforesd according to Law, And y^t^ y^e^ sd Clerke, & Serjants for y^e^ time past, shall be pd according to Law & y^e^ Townes Agreem^ts^: according to Law; and for what of dues is belonging to y^e^ now Clerke, & Serjant's, & house rent yet vnpayd, they makeing theire demands at y^e^ next Towne meetting vpon Adjurnem^t^, shall be herd, | Sattisfied |; Contented & payd.

Order for house rent Clerke, & Serjant's wages.

Voted. By y^e^ Towne, That whereas there hath been Leivied on this Towne a Rate of 27^£^; Ordered to be payd vnto Cap^t^: Hopkins Towne Treasury:^r^; One p^rt^ whereof being ordered for y^e^ paym^t^ of Cap^t^ John Sanford: Another p^rt^ whereof was Ordered to Answer y^e^ Collonies Order and demand of vs; The other p^rt^ of y^e^ sd Rate for o^r^ owne Townes use. And for as much as this Towne is yet vnsattisfied, y^t^ any part of y^e^ sd Rate should be payd to the Collony as y^e^ Collonies just dues from vs, we not Apprehending this Towne to be in y^e^ Collonies Debt Doe there | fore | heareby order & declare, That Every jnhabitant of this Towne who have not already payd in theire proposions of y^e^ Rate (by Towne Order Leivied on them) into o^r^ Towne Treasury, Are heareby oreded to ℔forme it soe without delay.

Concerning y^e^ Rate.

And alsoe y^e^ sd Towne Treasury^r^: Cap^t^ hopkins: are heareby ordered for to pay away none of y^e^ Townes money to any one

vpon demand (out of y^e^ Treasury) without an order from y^e^ Auditt, or y^e^ Major part thereof.

Voted. By y^e^ towne, that whereas it is sd there is many debts due from this towne, to Severall persons in this sd Towne, The towne doe in Order therevnto Appoynt These persons following (viz.) Cap^t^ Arthur ffenner, Tho: Olney jun^r^:, John whipple jun^r^:, Cap^t^ Hopkins, Nath: waterman, Tho: Arnold, Joseph williams, & Leift: John Dexter to be an Auditt, to Auditt all such debts, as shall be charged by any persons in this towne Towne to be theire dues from y^e^ sd Towne, And all such debts dues or demands as any person, or persons shall demand according to Law being owned by y^e^ aforesd persons or y^e^ major part thereof, to be this Townes due to pay, are heareby owned to be y^e^ Townes Debts dues, or demands [**31**] demands y^t^ shall be made to y^e^ sd Auditt, and disallowed by y^e^ sd Auditt, the towne doe heareby disowne y^e^ sd Debts dues or demands to be this Towne Due to pay.

The Auditt.

Jt is alsoe ordered by y^e^ Authory of sd Towne, that y^e^ debt owned by some to be due to Jo^n^ Smith Survey^r^, is by voate of sd Towne Excepted, and Excluded to come to y^e^ Auditt but is referred to further Consideration.

aboute Jo^n^: Smith Surveyr.

Voted. By y^e^ towne, that y^e^ aforesd Auditt meett vpon y^e^ ninth day of february next, & y^t^ y^e^ Serjant give notice to Each jnhabitant, that y^n^ & there they make | theire | demand according to y^e^ former order, or to any one of y^e^ Auditt.

Voted. By y^e^ towne, y^t^ y^e^ deed of y^e^ Sale of a Little Spott of medow which George way made | & | sign'd vnto Tho: walling, bareing date on y^e^ first day of Aprill j664: May be putt vpon y^e^ publick record of y^e^ Towne.

grant of wallings deed he had from way.

bills refer'd. Voted. That y^e^ Latter part of Roger williams his bill, Mary borden's bill, and y^e^ p^r^sentation of Dan: Abbott Alsoe, is referred to be Answered y^e^ next Towne meetting.

Voted. By y^e^ towne, that this meetting | be | Adjurned to y^e^ next monday come three weekes, w^ch^ will be vpon y^e^ 23^th^ day of feb: next.

Att a Towne Meetting ffeb: 4^th^: 1679: / or: 80: /
Joseph jenckes Chosen Moderat^r^:

Deputies Chosen. Chosen for Deputies to Serve at y^e^ Gen^rll^: Court of Deputies To be held at Newport on Road jsland, at y^e^ house of Henry palmer y^e^ 16^th^ day of march next; in this his Majesties Collony of Road jsland & providence plantations in New-England, are Tho: Olney jun^r^:, Joseph jenckes, Cap^t^: william Hopkins and Leifte: John Dexter, Who are to Transact in y^e^ Affaires of said Collony on y^e^ behalfe of this Towne of providence. /

[32] The townes Answer Jo^n^: warner's bill. Voted. Vpon y^e^ p^r^sentation of a bill by John Warner, Concerneing his father John Warner (deceased) his Right desireing to know what Landes this Towne had Layd out vpon y^e^ Accovnt of his Sayd ffather's Right, and to whome, & what was yett to be Layd out, if any be vpon y^e^ accovnt of former Devissions;

The Towne's Answer to y^e^ sayd bill, is; That y^e^ fifty Acree Devission of Land and Meddow Ariseing by Virtue of his ffather's Right, Js Layd out Allready to Stephen paine of Rehobath (Deceased) Lieing neere Suckatunckanett hill; And when any other Devissions comes to be Layd out, they | shall |

be ready to Lay out y^e^ Lands (Orriginally) Ariseing by virtue of his ffather's Right.

Voted vpon y^e^ p^r^sentation of a bill by Cap^t^: will: Hopkins: Concerning y^e^ provideing of fire wood, & other necessary releife for y^e^ p^r^sent Supply of y^e^ want of o^r^ Ancient Neighb^r^: John jones: The towne in order thereto, have requested y^e^ sd Cap^t^: Hopkins, & Tho: Harris jun^r^:, for to repaire vnto y^e^ sd John jones with out delay, And for to know of him what his greatest (present) wants are; and to Supply them soe farre as may be for his p^r^sent necessity, vntill y^e^ Next Towne meetting; where then (they bringing | in | An acc^tt^ of his Condition, & alsoe what they have expended on him,) The towne will take further care (in both respects) to Answer what is suitable in y^e^ p^r^mises.

Care taken aboute John jones.

Voted. That Roger williams his bill Concerneing George Sheppard, And Dan: Abbott's queries aboute George Rickardes, be refer'd vntill y^e^ next Towne Meetting.

bills referd.

Voted. That y^e^ Meetting be Disolved.

[**33**] The towne is againe Assembled this 23^th^ day of ffeb: 1679:80 / according to y^e^ Adjurnement.

John whipple jun^r^: Continueth Moderat^r^: of y^e^ Assembly.

Voted. By y^e^ towne, That whereas there is An order in o^r^ Towne booke made vpon y^e^ 28^th^ day of january Last, Signifieing that o^r^ towne Treasurer shall not pay away any of y^e^ Townes moneyes out of y^e^ Treasury, without an order from y^e^ Auditt (then Chosen,) or y^e^ major part thereof.

This towne vpon Consideration findeing y^e^ sd order, & y^e^ power Committed to y^e^ sd Auditt, doth too much abridge y^e^ Towne of theire power, Doe therefore heareby order & declare; That o^r^ towne Treasurer

disposure of money.

shall pay away none of y^e^ Townes moneyes, or Townes Stock out of y^e^ Treasury, without An order from o^r^ Towne Leagually mett, | there | being Assembled y^e^ Number of Thirty persons being all free men: That what they shall Act, or y^e^ Major p^rt^ thereof, shall be deemed Authentick in y^e^ p^r^: mises / Any order made to y^e^ Contrary heareof not with standing.

And alsoe it is further ordered, That what moneys futurely shall be disposed of out of o^r^ Towne Treasury; shall not be disposed of, but according | as | y^e^ above sd order Enjoyneth.

The Auditts further order.

Voted. By y^e^ Towne, That y^e^ Auditt Chosen by y^e^ Towne vpon 28^th^ day of january Last, are heareby Continued in theire | places | as an Auditt, to Examine y^e^ Townes accounts; And y^t^ they are Allowed to accomplish y^e^ Townes bisnesse (therein) Committed to theire Trust, (they themselves appoynting theire owne time) betweene this day & y^e^ 27^th^ day of Aprill next Ensueing: And then for to make theire returne to y^e^ sd Towne, on there Quar^r^: day.

An order for another warrant to to y^e^ Serjant.

Voted. By y^e^ towne, That whereas Dan: Abbott Clerke did mistake y^e^ figure for y^e^ time of y^e^ Gen^rll^: Assemblys sitting at Newport; & therevpon ordering y^e^ serjant to warne o^r^ Towne Deputys to Attend y^e^ sd Assembly (as to be held) on y^e^ i6^th^ day of march next when as it was but y^e^ io^th^ day of y^e^ sd march, y^e^ sd Deputies should ahad notice to Attended y^e^ sd Court:

This towne doth therefore order, That y^e^ sd Clerke shall grant forth another warrant vnto y^e^ serjant to warne o^r^ Towne Deputies (Chosen y^e^ 4^th^ day of this jnstant:) that they Attend y^e^ Gen^rll^: Assemblies sitting on y^e^ io^th^ day of march next.

Voted That y^e^ Meetting be disolved.

[**34**] Att a Towne meetting vpon y^e^ 3^rd^: of march 1679: or: 80:

his Majties Letter read: The towne being then Called on purposely togather: To heare, & Consider of y^e^ Letter, & y^e^ 27 Queries sent to this Collony from y^e^ Lords of his Majesties Hon|ra|ble Privy Covncill.

(Cap^t^: Arther ffenner Chosen Moderat^r^: of y^e^ Assembly)

The w^ch^ After y^e^ Reading of: with some debate vpon it:

Jt was voted y^t^ this Meetting | is | Disolved.

Att a Towne Meetting y^e^ 3i^th^ of March: 1680: /

Cap^t^ Arther ffenner Moderat^r^.

Deputies Chosen for deputies to serve in y^e^ Gen^rll^ Assembly y^e^ day of y^e^ Election, (as alsoe y^e^ day of theire sitting before y^e^ Election) w^ch^ will be on y^e^ first wensday in may next | at newport, | are, these persons (viz) John Thornton, Parden Tillinghast, James Mathuson, & Edward Smith.

petty jury. Chosen for y^e^ jury of Tryalls in y^e^ Gen^rll^ Covrt of Tryalls held at Newport (on y^e^ first Munday after y^e^ first wensday in may next) | & | at y^e^ house of Henry palmer's, are, Samuell whipple, & Zachariah ffeild

Grand jury. Chosen alsoe for y^e^ Grand jury | to serve | in y^e^ sd Gen^rll^ Court of Tryalls, at time & place aforesd, are, Epenatus Olney, & william Vincent

Capt ffenners request granted. Voted by y^e^ towne, y^t^ y^e^ deed of Saile made to Cap^t^ ffenner by John Lippitt, (formerly jnhabitant of this towne of providence,) Bareing Date in y^e^ yeare one thousand six hundred fifty two, May be Enroled in o^r^ Towne Records.

Voted by y^e^ Towne, that whereas John steere Exhibitted a bill (this day) to y^e^ towne, desireing Leave to Runn a ffence Crosse y^e^ townes Comon, or heigh way, at, or neare y^e^ Cow-pen-poynt; (on way-boysett side:) for y^e^ Conveinency of y^e^ Readier Encloseing in of y^e^ Land, w^ch^ | he | have Leased to him (further) from this time forward) By An: Everden six yeares from y^e^ y^e^ date heare|o|f. The w^ch^ is granted.

granted to John Steere.

[35] The sd steer Engageing by promise, dureing all w^ch^ sd Terme of time aforesd; That he will | theire | maintaine an inlett, & out-lett (by a Length of handy barrs) Crosse y^e^ sayd highway for y^e^ Townes use if occation be. And y^t^ at y^e^ expiration of y^e^ sd Terme of time; for y^e^ fence then Run Crosse y^e^ Townes Comon, or highway, to be Throwne downe, And soe then to Revert againe to y^e^ same state as it was Conditioned, before this Liberty was by y^e^ towne granted vnto y^e^ sd Steer: provided y^e^ Towne (according to his bill) be not damnified thereby.

Voted. y^e^ bills depending | of | Concernement be refer'd vnto y^e^ next quarter meetting, w^ch^ will be on y^e^ 27^th^ day of Aprill next.

The Meetting is disolved.

Att a Towne meetting y^e^ 27^th^ of Aprill 1680:

Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderator of y^e^ Assembly.

Dan: Abbott his grant. to be accepted a purchasser in our Towne.

Voted by y^e^ Towne, that whereas there is noe record in o^r^ Towne booke now fovnd exstant That Daniell | Abbott | formerly jhabitant in this Towne of provIdence | (deceased) was | an Equall proprietor with y^e^ Rest of y^e^ purchassers within y^e^ Towneshippe thereof, (though knowne to this Towne to be a pur-

chasser with them:) This towne doth therevpon order, & it is heareby ordered, That Daniell Abbott his Son & heire by Right of succession, be now Recorded A purchasser in his father's Roome & stead; And soe y^e^ sd Abbott is accepted a purchasser in our Towne.

granted to Epenatus Olney.

Voted. that whereas Epenatus Olney petitioned y^e^ Towne, That whereas y^e^ North-Eest Corner bovnd of his Little Spott of Land Lyeing by Thomas paty's, being Lost, may be by y^e^ Towne Surveyer Rectified: The w^ch^ is granted according to his bill.

John Browne his grant.

[36] voted. That whereas John Browne petitioned y^e^ Towne, that whereas he had formerly a peice of Land Layd out in o^r^ Neck w^ch^ he hath passed away vnto one Tho: paty; The bovndes thereof being not all Certainely knowne: He desireth y^e^ Towne to Consider away of y^e^ Settlement thereof whereby he might make y^e^ sd paty Assurance of y^e^ Same:

The w^ch^ y^e^ towne Considering of, have granted Libberty vnto y^e^ sd Browne | to | gett o^r^ Towne Survey^r^: for to settle y^e^ bovndes of y^e^ sd Land to Answer his request expressed in his bill.

Tho: Clemence his grant.

Voted. That Tho: Clemence may have a deed Signed him by y^e^ Towne of y^e^ Land y^e^ towne Sold him; According as y^e^ bovndes thereof is expressed in o^r^ Towne Recordes.

Voted. That whereas Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner hath this day p^r^sented to this Towne y^e^ bovndes of Seaverall percells of Land formerly Layd out by william ffeild and Richard waterman; (both deceased) As he y^e^ sayd ffenner (as Generall Assis-

tant) Attesteth was y^e^ bovndes thereof; w^ch^ y^e^ sd ffeild & waterman should a return'd to this Towne in theire Life time: The w^ch^ being by them then negleced, And vpon y^e^ Request of y^e^ sd ffenner, for the more fullier Settlement to him & his of the sayd percells of Land: This Towne doth order, & it is heareby ordered, That y^e^ sayd seaverall percells of Land, as y^e^ bovndes thereof is expressed in y^e^ Returne he hath made, (w^ch^ he Attesteth to be y^e^ true boundes thereof,) shall be deemed Authentick to all intents and purposses in y^e^ Law, as fully & firmely as if y^e^ sayd ffeild & waterman had return'd it themselues: [1]

* Voted alsoe, That y^e^ Testimony of henry Browne (bareing | date | y^e^ 21^th^ of Aprill Last past) Concerneing John Lippetts Sayle of Land vnto Arthur ffenner, be putt vpon y^e^ publick Record of this Towne which is as ffolloth.* The meetting is disolved.

The Enrolment thereof.

Jn y^e^ yeare of o^r^ Lord one Thousand Six hundred ffifty & Seaven m^r^ william ffeild then being Surveyer Layd out vnto Arthur ffenner one Twenty Acree Lott y^t^ being part of y^e^ Right y^t^ y^e^ sayd ffenner bovght of John Lippett of warwick and fifteene Acrees on y^e^ sd ffenners owne Right, [37] Right, And it was Layd out on y^e^ Southerne side of Neutoconenett River or alias pauchasett River, and it was Layd out by y^e^ Eighteene ffoott poole. And y^e^ sd Land is partly bounded on y^e^ Easterne part with Ashare of medow then in y^e^ possession of william Haughkings & partly with y^e^ mirey Brooke & partly w^th^ a pond Called by y^e^ Jndians Tabamapauge, & soe a Long y^e^ mirey Brooke vnto

Arthur ffenners Land

[1] The paragraph included between the two stars following is written lengthways in the margin of the page.

Anshunduck pond soe called by the Jndians; And on y^e^ northerne part partly with y^e^ medow of Arthur ffenner y^t^ he bought of Hugh buett, & on y^e^ westerne | part | with y^e^ Land of y^e^ sd ffenner, but then in Common; And on y^e^ Southerne part with y^e^ Land of y^e^ sd ffenner, but then in Common: This Thirty five Acres being more or Less according to y^e^ bovndes.

Arthur ffenners Land

And in y^e^ yeare of o^r^ Lord one Thousand six hundred fifty & nine, Richard waterman then Survey^r^: Layd out vnto Arther ffenner one hundred & fifteene Acres of Land on y^e^ sd ffenners Right being A purchasser, and sixty Acres | of it | being part of y^e^ Right y^t^ y^e^ sd ffenner bought of John Lippett of warwick; And on y^e^ northerne part it is bovnded partly with that Thirty five Acres that m^r^ william ffeild Layd out vnto y^e^ sayd ffenner, & partly with a share of meadow I y^e^ sd ffenner bought of Daniell Browne, And partly with a Tract of Land y^t^ I y^e^ sd ffenner bovght of Joseph wise, & soe to a corner | on | y^e^ north side of a Little Brooke y^t^ comes from A cader Swampe & runs into Neutaconenutt River, & y^e^ Corner is a heape of stones; And on y^e^ westerne part from y^t^ Corner a Line southerly to another heape of stones; And from y^t^ Corner Easterly vnto y^t^ pond Called by y^e^ Jndians Anshanduck vnto a heape of stones by y^e^ pond side: All w^ch^ sd Land was Layd out by y^e^ Eighteene ffoott pole, | it | being more or Less within y^e^ bovndes ffixed.

These returnes of y^e^ bovndes of these percells of Land heare mentioned, were Layd out & bovnded by m^r^ william ffeild, & Richard waterman.

As Attesteth Arthur ffenner Assistant

Entered vpon Record y^e^ 23^th^ of may: 1680:

And with y^e^ Townes Consent: ℔ Dan: Abbott Cl:

[38] Jn y^e^ yeare of our Lord owne Thousand Six hundred fifty & Seaven, m^r^ william ffeild Layed out vnto Arther ffenner of providence one Six Acre Lott & Eight Acres of Loe Land | for medow | on providence neck this being fourteene Acres of Land, it Lyeth on both sides of y^e^ Run that Runeth into y^e^ heathermost Baylies Coue next to y^e^ Towne, And it is bovnded on y^e^ northerne part of it with y^e^ Land of henry Browne, And on y^e^ Easterne part of it with y^e^ Land of John ffenner; | & | on y^e^ westerne part of it with y^e^ Comon or high way, And on y^e^ Southerne part of it then with y^e^ Comon, but now with a six Acre Lott of Arthur ffenners y^t^ was Layd out vnto Arthur | ffenner | by Richard waterman on y^e^ Accovnt of part of y^e^ Right that y^e^ sayd ffenner bought of John Lippett of warwick, And it was Layd out by y^e^ Eighteene pole, and it is bovnded at y^e^ foure Corners with heapes of stones, & soe a straight Line from Corner to Corner: Jt being more or Lesse within y^e^ bovndes perfixed.

Arthur ffenners Land

Jn y^e^ yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred six hundred fifty and nine, Richard waterman Layd out vnto Arthur ffenner one Six Acre Lott, it being part of y^e^ Right that Arthur ffenner bought of John Lippett of warwicke, And it is bovnded on y^e^ northerne side with y^e^ Land of Arthur ffenner that m^r^ ffeild Layd out vnto him, And on y^e^ westerne part of | it | with y^e^ Comon or highway, And y^e^ Southerne part of it with y^e^ Land of | william | ffenner, & on the Easterne part of | it | with the Land of John ffenner & y^e^ foure Corners are bovnded with heapes of stones, And Soe a straight Line from Corner to Corner, And it was Layd out by y^e^ Eighteene ffoott pole, it being more or Lesse with in y^e^ bovndes.

Arthur ffenners Land

These bovndes of these seaverall percells of Land above mentioned, ware Layd out by m^r william ffeild & Richard waterman according to y^e bovndes mentioned.

As Attests Arthur ffenner Assistant

This was Entered vpon Record with y^e Townes Consent.*

* See in y^e 26th page of this Booke.

And vpon y^e 26^th of may 1680: ℔ D: A: Clerke

[39] Att a Towne metting y^e 7^th of june: 1680: being for y^e Election of Towne officers for this Ensueing yeare. Cap^t: Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderat^r of y^e Assembly.

Daniell Abbott Chosen Towne Clerke & Engaged.

James Mathuson Chosen Cunstable & Engaged.

Thomas Arnold Chosen Cunstable & Engaged.

George way Chosen Serjant and Engaged.

Election of officers.

Chosen to be Added to y^e Gen^rll: Afficers to make | vp | y^e towne Covncill for this Ensueing yeare, are, Roger williams, Henry Browne, & Thomas Arnold.

Cap^t: ffenner, & Cap^t: Hopkins are Chosen Survey^rs for y^e Laying out of Land for this Ensueing yeare

Cap^t: will: Hopkins Chosen Towne Treasur^r: & Engaged.

Nathaniell waterman, & Daniell williams, are Chosen by y^e Towne to see to y^e repaireing of y^e high wayes for this Ensueing yeare

Comittee Chosen.

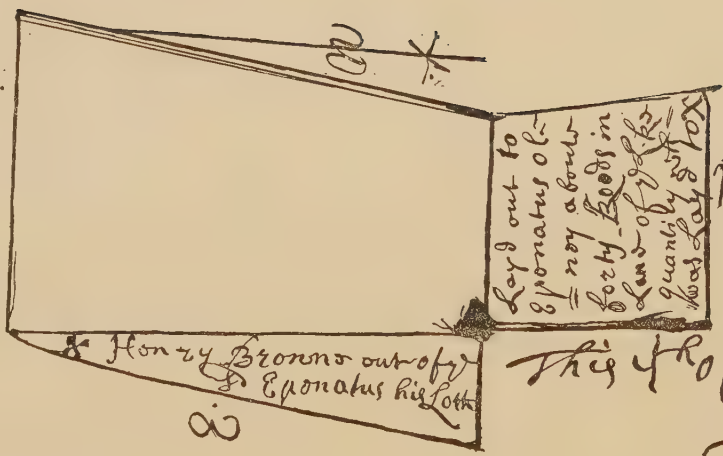
Jt is voted, That Cap^t: ffenner, joseph jenckes, Thomas ffeild, and Nathaniell waterman are appoynted an Auditt to receive y^e Accovnts of o^r Towne Treasur^r: Cap^t: will: Hopkins, Concerneing his Last yeares Treasurer-shippe; And for to Auditt y^e sayd accovnts with all Conveinent Speed, and to make theire returne (after

they have Jsued theire proceeds therein) vnto y^e^ next Towne-metting.

Epe: Olney's Little spott of Land, Lyeing by Tho: patys.

Capt: will: Hopkins o^r^ Towne Survey^r^, hath this day made his returne to y^e^ Towne of y^e^ Rectifieing y^e^ North-Easterne Corner bovnd of Epenatus Olney's Little Spott of Land Lyeing by Thomas paty's: according to y^e^ Libberty granted y^e^ sd Olney, on y^e^ 25^th^ page of this Booke As appeares by y^e^ Mapp thereof, w^ch^ is as ffolloweth

Eppa: Olnoy's
Little spott
of Land,
Lying by
Tho: Mayr.



N. By mr William
Hopkins Surveyr:—

This 4th of may: 1680:

[40] Jn y^e^ hundreth page of y^e^ Towne booke of Brasse-Clasps, is y^e^ bovndes expressed, as y^e^ sd Little Spott of Land was first Layd out by o^r^ Towne Survey^r^: vnto y^e^ sd Epenatus Olney.

Entered july: 1680: / ℔ D: A: Towne Cl:

Att a Towne meetting y^e^ 5^th^ day of july: 1680: /
Cap^tn^ Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderat^r^.

Acts Read. Voted. That y^e^ Gen^rll^: Assemblies Acts made y^e^ 4^th^, &. 5^th^. of may Last past, be forthwith read in this Towne meetting.

The 7£. Rate. Voted whereas by y^e^ Act of y^e^ aforesd Gen^rll^ Assembly, a rate of 7^£^ was Assessed on o^r^ Towne; That forthwith men be Chosen to Leivie y^e^ sd Rate on y^e^ jnhabitants thereof.

The men Chosen to Leivie y^e^ Rate. The sd men Chosen are; Stephen Arnold, Arthur ffenner, Joseph jenckes, & Dan: Abbott:

The 4£. Rate. And whereas Joseph jenckes of this Towne of providence, standeth Engaged for y^e^ payment of | foure | povnd (in or as money) vnto Stephen Arnold of pautuxett on y^e^ Collonies behalfe: This Towne doth therevpon order, & it is heareby ordered y^t^ y^e^ foure men appoynted by y^e^ Towne for y^e^ Leivieing of y^e^ Rate of 7^£^ on our Towne; shall alsoe Leivie on this Towne y^e^ sd Sume of foure povnd to be payd vnto y^e^ sd Joseph jenckes on y^e^ Collonyes behalfe as aforesd, (with y^e^ Allowance of Eight shillings for y^e^ Gen^rll^ Treasur^rs^ Sallury alsoe) as by y^e^ Gen^rll^ orders doth appeare.

The 10£. Rate. Jt is voted alsoe, that y^e^ Leiviers of y^e^ abovementioned Rates, shall Leivie another Rate, y^e^ Sume of Ten povnd (in or as money) on o^r^ jnhabitants for y^e^

payment of house Rent, Serjant's wages, & for other uses & debts of y^e^ Towne Contracted Since y^e^ 3^rd^ of june: 1678:

20^s^ aded, for y^e^ Raters fees.

Jt is voted y^t^ y^e^ sd Leivier's of y^e^ sd Rates shall alsoe | add | vnto y^e^ sayd sums Twenty shillings more | as money |: The w^ch^ shall be deducted out of Each his part or propotion of y^e^ sd Rates five shillings a peice, for y^t^ theire Services ℘formed in y^e^ Leivieing y^e^ sd Rates, or otherwise, shall be payd them vpon demand by o^r^ Towne Treasur^r^.

Jt is voted alsoe, y^t^ y^e^ major part of y^e^ raters Agreeing in y^e^ matter of y^e^ Rates: shall be Authenticke.

A Towne act repealed

Voted y^t^ whereas there was a Towne | act | made y^e^ 23^th^ of ffeb: Last past, Contained on y^e^ 33^th^ page of this Booke, Signifieing, That our Towne Treasur^r^: shūld pay away none of y^e^ Townes moneys, or Townes stock out of y^e^ Treasuary without an order from our Towne being Leagually mett, there being Assembled y^e^ Number of Thirty persons being all freemen, That what they should act, or y^e^ Major part thereof, should be deemed Authenticke in y^e^ p^r^mises, any order then made to y^e^ Contrary notwithstanding And y^t^ noe moneys then futurely should be payd out of y^e^ Treasury, but as y^e^ abovesd order Enjoyneth. This [**41**] This towne vpon further mature Consideration finding y^t^ inconveinences accrueth by y^e^ sayd act, and vpon sufficient Reason doe declare y^e^ | sd | act to be Repealed, & to all intents & purposes therein wholely voyd & null: any act or acts, Clause or Clauses heareof made to y^e^ Contrary not with standing.

Voted vpon y^e p^rsentation of a bill to this Towne | (by Arthur ffenner) | bareing date this p^rsent day, desireing of them a Little Spott of grovnd of forty foott Square above high water-marke by y^e water side, w^th y^e prieveledge of A whorfe alsoe, soe farre as he can towardes y^e Channell Against, & within y^e Com-pass of y^e Breadth of George Sheppard's home Lott, in y^e Roe of house Lotts in this towne of providence; [George way being presant, in y^e face of y^e Towne meetting Evidenced, That y^e sd sheppard had given his Consent y^t Cap^tn Arthur ffenner shovld be there accomid|at|ed according to his bill:] The w^ch y^e Towne Considering of have seen cause to grant y^e same according to his bill | to be y^e sayd fenners proper Right, to him & his heires for Ever. | & soe his bill is Answered: provided he gett o^r Towne survey^r to Lay it out and to make his Returne to y^e towne.

Arthur ffenner's grant by George shepperds.

Voted The meetting be desolved

Att a quarter Meetting july y^e 27^th: 1680: /

Cap^tn: Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderator.

Voted. That y^e three Rates Leivied on this Towne of providence july y^e 16^th: 1680: by Stephen Arnold, Arthur ffenner, joseph jenckes, & Daniell Abbott who by y^e towne was therevnto appoynted; weare this day presented to y^e Towne vnder there handes, Read in theire Audience, & accepted by them to be gathered.

Three Rates. accept of be Gathered.

Voted. That y^e deed w^ch y^e Towne hath Signed to Thomas Clemence of Three Acars of | Land | w^ch they formerly Sould him, bordering vpon his owne Land, shall be putt vpon y^e publick Record of this Towne.

Grant to Tho: Clemence.

Grant to Jon: Thornton.

Voted. That y^e^ Deed Signed by william Park of Roxbury To John Thornton of this Towne of providence, shall be putt vpon y^e^ publick record of this Towne.

Gant to walter Clarke.

Voted. That y^e^ Deed Signed by John Cross-man To walter Clarke of Newport, shall be putt vpon y^e^ publick Record of this Towne—The sd deedes all, haveing been this day read in this Towne meetting.

[42] Returnes of Land of Andrew harris.

Voted. That y^e^ two returnes of Land Layd out by Arthur ffenner (Survey^r^), To Andrew harris; y^e^ one bareing date y^e^ Sixt of may, y^e^ other y^e^ Sixt of june Last past, shall be putt vpon y^e^ Towne records: they having been both read this day in y^e^ Audience of y^e^ sd Towne.

The wolfe Rate

Voted. That whereas wolues frequently haunteth this Towne to y^e^ great damage of o^r^ jnhabitants, The towne vpon the Consderation thereof, have ordered, & doe heareby order, y^t^ whosoever killeth y^e^ wolves within o^r^ Towneshipp, shall have for Each wolfe (soe killed) vpon demand payd them by o^r^ Towne Treasure^r^ Twenty shillings in Cuntrey pay; The wolfes head being brought, shall be the Towne Treasure^rs^, warrant for y^e^ payment thereof.

Voted. That a Rate of Ten povnd be Assessed on o^r^ Towne and gathered into y^e^ Towne Treasury, for y^e^ payment of y^e^ sayd wolfe killers.

And who are appoynted to Levie ye sd Rate.

Voted. That Cap^tn^: ffenner, Joseph jenckes, & Daniell Abbott shall Leivie y^e^ sayd Ten povnd Rate on o^r^ jnhabitants; The w^ch^ shall be forthwith gathered into y^e^ Treasury, And there reserved, only for y^e^ payment of y^e^ sayd wolfe killers: Jt is alsoe ordered, that y^e^

Leiviers of this Ten povnd Rate, shall for there service in y^e ℔formance thereof, goe Scott-free from paying of any thinge for wolfe killing, vntill y^e sd Ten povnd be expended vpon that accovntt.

Voted. That y^e meetting be disolved.

[**43**] The Entrey of Andrew harris his returne of his Second | division | share of Sixty Acars, is as ffolloweth.

May the 6^th^. 1680:/

An: harris his Returne of Land.

Layd out vnto Andrew harris Sixty Acres of Land due vnto him in this Second Division of Sixty Acres, Jt being a ℔cell of Land Lyeing not farre from y^e place where Joseph wise his house did stand, and on y^e west side of a Brook or River Called or knowne by y^e name of Neotoconkenutt River, and y^e Land that I Layd out is bovnded on y^e Southerne side partly with a Little brooke that comes from a cader swampe that Runs into Neotoconkenutt River, and this ℔cell of Land is partly bovnded with | a | Little brooke & partly with y^e Land in y^e possession of Thomas ffenner; Jt being Six score poles in Length Easterly & westerly; and on y^e Easterne end it is bounded partly with y^e Land in y^e possession of Joseph wise, & partly with y^e Common; Jt being foure score and fourteene poles in breadth, & on y^e northerne Side it is bovnded with y^e Common; Jt being in Length Easterly & westerly six score | poles | and on y^e westerne End it is bovnded with y^e Common, & it is one hundred poles in Breadth Northerly & Southerly; And y^e foure Corners are heapes of stones: and y^e South-East corner is y^e Ancient bovnds of y^e Land of Arthur ffenner, and on y^e southerne side y^e Straight came over a corner of Land y^t was and is in y^e possession of Thomas ffenner w^ch^ wovld have taken away

abovte twelve Acars of y^e^ sd ffenners Land: w^ch^ did occation y^e^ sd harris to give way and his Complement is made vp with | in | these Lines & bovnds without any entrenchment on y^e^ Land of y^e^ sd ffenner; and this Sixty Acres was Layd out by y^e^ Eighteen ffoott poles, / The day and yeare above written.

℔ me Arthur ffenner Survey^r^: /

Recorded with y^e^ Townes Consent: * August 8^th^: j680 By Daniell Abbott Towne Clerke

* See in y^e^ 42^th^ page of this booke.

[**44**] The Entry of Andrew harris his returne of his Second Divission share of Meaddow-ground, is as ffolloweth June 6^th^: 1680:

Layd out vnto Andrew harris Ten Acars of Loe Land in y^e^ Lue of five Acres of Meaddow, Jt Lyeth not farre from a place called by y^e^ name of v|e|nture, five Acrees of it being that percell of Land that Shadrach Manton Bought of henry Redock, And y^e^ sayd Manton did exchange it with y^e^ Towne for other Land, and to this five Acrees is joyned five Acrees more w^ch^ in all makes Tenn Acrees; And it is bovnded on y^e^ west side with y^e^ Land now in y^e^ possession of william Carpenter; And on y^e^ North End partly with y^e^ Land of william Carpenter, & partly w^th^ the Common; And on y^e^ South end partly with y^e^ Common, & partly with y^e^ Land in y^e^ possession of william Carpenter; and on y^e^ East side it is Bovnded with y^e^ Common: And y^e^ foure Corners are heapes of stones; soe Ranging from Corner to Corner, And it was Layd out by y^e^ Eighteen ffoott pole y^e^ day & yeare above written.

An: harris his Returne of Land.

℔ me Arthur ffenner Survey^r^: /

Recorded with y^e^ Townes Consent: * August 19^th^: 1680:

* See in y^e^ 42^th^ page of this booke.

Att a Towne meetting August y^e^ 20^th^: 1680:
Cap^tn^: ffenner Chosen Moderator.

Gran: jury. Samuell Tift were Chosen to Serue vpon y^e^ Grand-jury in y^e^ Gen^rll^: Court of Tryalls held at newport on y^e^ first Teusday in September next: Eliezer Arnold, & william Vencent are Chosen to Serue vpon y^e^ jury of Tryalls in y^e^ sayd Court, at time & place appoynted:

Deputies. Chosen to serue for Deputies in y^e^ Gen^rll^: Assembly at Newport on y^e^ Last wensday in October next, are; Edward Smith, Richard Arnold, Nathaniell waterman, & Thomas harris jun^r^: :

Ed: London's Grant. Voted. whereas Edward London preferred a bill to this Towne desireing y^e^ accomidation of a Little Spott of ground of Thirty ffoott Square aboue high water mark by y^e^ water side within y^e^ Compass of y^e^ breadth of Parden Tillinghast's home Lotts in y^e^ Row of house Lotts in this Towne of providence [**45**] he having y^e^ sayd Tillinghast's Consent therevnto: The w^ch^ y^e^ Towne Considering of, have, Given and granted vnto y^e^ sd London y^e^ sayd quantity of Land of Thirty ffoott Square according to his Bill, the sayd Spott of grovnd to be y^e^ sayd London's proper Right & inheritance to him his heires and Assignes | for Ever. he getting y^e^ Survey^r^ to Lay it out, and to make his Returne to this Towne. /

Granted to Epe: olney. Voted. whereas Epenatus Olney desired (by bill) y^e^ accomidation of a Little Spott of grovnd of Thirty foott Square, above high water marke by y^e^ water side within y^e^ Compass of y^e^ breadth of y^e^ Towne Lane by Daniell williams: The Towne hath seene cause to | grant | it him according to his bill, the sd spott of ground is given & granted vnto y^e^ sayd Olney, to be his proper Right & inheri-

tance to him, his heires, & Assignes for Ever. he getting y^e^ Towne Survey^r^ to Lay it out, and make his Returne to this Towne

Jt is not heereby to be vnderstood y^t^ y^e^ sd Olney is enjoyned to have y^e^ sd quantity of Land of Thirty ffoott Square: to be Layd out soe vpon y^e^ Square. but have a Libberty to Lay it out otherwise, provided he (thereby) noe wayes damnifies y^e^ Common high way of y^e^ Towne, w^ch^ our Towne Survey^r^: is to see vnto in y^e^ Laying out.

C: h: bill referr'd. voted. That whereas Cap^tn^ william hopkins having this day preffered a bill to this Towne, desireing of them the accomidation of aboute an Acar of Land on Starue-jsland: The w^ch^ hath this day been much debated, And Referr'd vnto y^e^ next Towne meetting to be y^e^ first matter to be Answered.

Voted. That this meetting be disolved.

Att a Towne meetting on y^e^ 27^th^ of October: 1680: / Being y^e^ Townes Quarter Day. Roger Williams is Chosen Moderator of y^e^ Assembly:

Grant to Jon Sayles. Voted. That whereas John Sayles preferred a bill to y^e^ towne desireing y^e^ exchange of Thirty five Acars of Land, w^ch^ his grand-father Roger williams (he saith) gave him: w^ch^ Land Lieth on y^e^ East side of Sittamachutt hill: The w^ch^ by y^e^ Towne is granted him, provided he thereby Damnifies noe Conveinent high way of y^e^ Towne, nor theire prohibbitted Common, w^ch^ y^e^ Towne Survey^r^: is to Look into, & make his returne to y^e^ sd Towne.

Publication of will: penny & Ruth hallett [**46**] This day in y^e^ face of y^e^ Towne meetting by y^e^ Towne Serjant was declared y^e^ intention of Marriage betwixt william penny, & Ruth hallett both of y^e^ Towne of Boston in New-England.

Voted. That this meetting be Adjourned for y^e^ space of halfe an houre

The Towne is Satt againe according to the Adjurnement

They againe Published. Againe by y^e^ Serjant was published in y^e^ face of this Towne Court the sayd intention of the Marriage of y^e^ parties abovesayd

Voted. As Concerneing Cap^tn^ will: hopkins former bill: aboute Starue JLand: The w^ch^ hath againe been debated, & refer'd vnto y^e^ next Towne Meetting.

Voted. the meetting be disolved

Att a Towne meetting y^e^ 17^th^ of November 1680:

John whipple jun^r^: Chosen Moderator.

Orders Concerning Sarah Neale Voted That Some Lines be drawne vp & forth with Sent vnto Sarah Neale to fore-worne | her | to depart out of this jurisdict̄i: And Signed by y^e^ Clerke in y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ Towne, The w^ch^ is as followeth. The Coppie thereof.

These are to Signifie to you Sarah Neale being A non resident heare, and having noe Consent of this Towne nor Couler of Law heare to abide, being as it is sayd one given to Slander & vilifie our Towne & the persons therein: That you forthwith Depart out of y^e^ jurisdiction of this sayd Towne, within four or six dayes at y^e^ vttmost, or other wayes y^e^ Towne shall see cause to send you to y^e^ next Cunstable at Rehobath, or to y^e^ place of yo^r^ former Abode, And of this you may Assure yo^r^ selfe.

providence November y^e^ 17^th^: 1680: /

Subscribed by y^e^ Townes ord^r^ and in y^e^ Townes Name & behalfe ℔ Daniell Abbott Clerke

Voted. That some Lines alsoe, in y^e^ Townes name & behalfe

be forthwith drawne vp & sent by y^e^ serjant to Margrett Russell, to foreworne | her | to depart out of this jurisdiction, The which | a coppi thereof | shall be signed by y^e^ Clerke as ffolloweth

Order Concerning Margrett Russell

[**47**] These are to signifie to you Margrett Russell being a non resident heare, & having noe Consent of this Towne nor Coulour of Law heare to abide, That you forthwith depart out of y^e^ jurisdiction of this sd Towne, with|in| foure or six dayes at y^e^ vttmust, or otherwayes y^e^ Towne shall see cause to send you to y^e^ next Cunstable at Rehobath, | or to y^e^ place of your former abode | And of this you may Assure yo^r^ Selfe.

Providence November the 17^th^: j680: /

Subscribed by y^e^ Townes ord^r^: and in y^e^ Townes behalfe.
℔ Daniell Abbott Clerke

Order for ye prvention of strangers in habiting.

Votted. whereas it hath beene (of Latter times) frequent for Strangers to shroud themselves within this jurisdiction from y^e^ justice of y^e^ Law in o^r^ Neighbour Collonies: And for y^e^ prevention thereof heare for y^e^ future, This Towne hath now Chosen Richard Arnold & John whipple jun^r^: to draw vp an order Against such proceedings of such persons | heare after | among vs, And present | it | to y^e^ Towne at y^e^ next Towne Meetting for theire Consideration and Approbation.

Order aboute ye stranger at Jonathan Sprague.

Voted. whereas y^e^ Towne hath beene informed, that there is a stranger that Lately inhabitted with Jonathan Sprage with|in| this jurisdicion, without y^e^ Townes Approbation: Therevpon this Towne doth order, & it is heareby ordered, that y^e^ Serjant shall give notice

vnto y^e^ sd Sprage, & the non resident there with him, That they repaire vnto this Towne at y^e^ next Towne meetting vpon this Adjurnement, to give accovnt thereof vnto this sd Towne.

Voted y^e^ meetting be jurned vntill this day come seavennight, w^ch^ will be vpon y^e^ 24^th^ of this jnstant month November.

The towne is mett againe according to y^e^ Adjurm^t^:

John whipple jun^r^: Continues Moderator. /

The manner of his Liscence heare in Towne.

Voted. That y^e^ sd stranger Thomas Coopper by name) who hath Lately inhabitted with Jonathan Sprage within this jurisdiction: who this day comeing before y^e^ towne, & giving a Sober accovnt |vn|to such matters demanded of him; The Towne vpon Consderation, hath seen cause to Allow y^e^ sayd Coopper Libberty in this jurisdiction to abide, vntill they shall see cause to y^e^ Contrary. /

[48] Voted. That this meetting be jurned vntill this day come fortnight, which will be vpon y^e^ 8^th^ of December next. /

The towne is againe Assembled according to y^e^ Adjurnm^t^:

John whipple jun^r^: Continues Moderator of y^e^ Assembly.

Voted. That y^e^ Gen^rll^: Assemblies Acts made y^e^ 27^th^ of October: 1680: be this day read in this Towne meetting.

Voted. That whereas Roger williams, John Thornton, & Thomas ffeild hath Each of them (Seaverally) obligated themselues in a bond of Thirteen povnd Six shillings & foure pence | starlling | vnto Joseph jenckes Assistant in y^e^ behalfe of this Towne of providence, to bare y^e^ sd Towne harmles, & free from any Charge y^t^ may any wayes futurely arise vnto y^e^ sd Towne, by, or thr|o|ugh y^e^ abideing of Sarah Neale, (or the Childe she now goes with;)

Order aboute Sarah neale

who resideth at y^e^ house of Thomas ffeild's in this Towne of providence: The w^ch^ bonds are by y^e^ Towne accepted to exstend vntill y^e^ Last day of y^e^ month of Aprill next Ensueing, And then for y^e^ sd Sarah neale (& her sd Childe) to depart out of y^e^ juridiction of this sd Towne; w^ch^ if she faile thereof, The towne will take further order aboute her, & deale w^th^ her accordingly.

Voted. That y^e^ aforementioned bonds shall remaine in y^e^ Towne Clerk's office, with y^e^ above | written | order of y^e^ Towne (concerneing them) by y^e^ Clerke Endorsed there on for y^e^ Townes Security.

Orders aboute Jon joanes

Voted. That John whipple jun^r^: & Daniell Abbott, be by y^e^ Towne Chosen, appoynted, & fully jmpowered in y^e^ Town's name & behalfe, To repaire to, & Conferr with o^r^ Ancient Neighbour Jo^n^: joanes, And to vnderstand (more fully) his really intention minde & will; in referance to y^e^ jnstrument or Covenant made, or to be made, between y^e^ sd joanes & this Towne of providence; Concerneing his maintainenance: The w^ch^ y^e^ sd whipple and Abbott are to see to y^e^ finnishing of, by y^e^ Signeing & Sealeing to it to be Authentick, And present it to y^e^ Towne at y^e^ next Towne meetting for theire Approbation.

C: hopkins & Tho: harris junr Concerned wth ye sd joanes.

Voted & ordered, That Cap^tn^ william Hopkins, & Tho: harris jun^r^:, (who are by y^e^ sd joanes accepted of,) shall in y^e^ townes behalfe, see to y^e^ Supplying o^r^ sd neighbour joanes w^th^ w^t^ is meett & neccesary for his Comfortable releife, & well-being, dureing his natureall Life: And w^t^ y^e^ sd hopkins & harris, or Either of them, shall expend & disburst vpon y^e^ accovnt aforesd, shall honestly be repayd by o^r^ Towne Treasurer out of y^e^ Towne Treasury. or by y^e^ Towne.

Roger williams his protest.

Roger Williams Entered his protest against y^e^ Lagalitie or Lawfullnes of this abovesd meetting as not being Lawfully Called in o^r^ Kings Majesties Name by his officer a Magestrate at three dayes warning: & Consequently he protested against all acts and orders & Adjurnments y^t^ were or should be made, vpon y^t^ jllegal, factious, & danger fovndation:

Roger Williams.

Voted. The meetting is Disolved.

[49] The Towne mett this 15^th^ of December 1680: / Cap^tn^ Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderatour.

Men Chosen for ye Auditt.

Captaine ffenner, & John whipple jun^r^, are by y^e^ towne Chosen & jmpowered in y^e^ Townes name & behalfe to meett at Henry palmer's house at Newport vpon y^e^ 20^th^ of ffebruary next, then & there to meett with y^e^ rest of y^e^ Gen^rll^: Auditt of y^e^ Collony: To give in an accovnt how this Towne's provision of paym^t^: to John Clarke (as to y^e^ Charter) was ℔formed.

Voted by y^e^ Towne, that some Lines be forthwith drawne vp & sent to our Neighbour Jo^n^ jones, & signed by y^e^ Clerke in y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ sd Towne: A coppy thereof is as followeth

A Coppy of this order sent vnto Jon joanes.

These are to Signifie vnto you John joanes, That y^e^ towne (at this p^r^sent) doe not see cause to accept of y^e^ jnstrum^t^ as it was made concerning yo^r^ maintenance by y^e^ Towne; But doe desire yo^r^ selfe in y^e^ first place to gett some honest Neighbours (according to Law) to take an jnventory of yo^r^ whole Estate, and Committ it into y^e^ Custody of Cap^t^ hopkins & Thomas harris jun^r^; who are desired by y^e^ Towne to draw vp an jnstrument, or cause one to be drawne, w^ch^ may y^e^ better suite y^e^ Town's acceptance:

And then at y^e^ next Towne meetting, the Towne will determine more fully of matters relateing vnto yo^r^ (future) Comfortable Subsistance.

Jn y^e^ name & behalfe of y^e^ towne ℘ me Daniell Abbott Towne Cl:

Voted. The meetting is Desolved.

Att a Towne Meetting on y^e^ 27^th^ of Jan: $16\frac{80}{81}$:

Roger williams Chosen Moderat^r^. /

Concerning John joanes.

Jt is voted & ordered by y^e^ Towne, That Cap^t^: Hopkins, and Tho: Harris jun^r^: shall Conferr & advise with our Ancient Neighbour John joanes, in y^e^ Sayle of his house & ground vnto John Smith–Mason (or any body else): Soe as it may be most Conduceing to y^e^ sd joanes Advantage & y^e^ Towne's, in referance to his Maintainenance by y^e^ Towne.

Granted vnto John Dexter.

Voted. whereas John Dexter hath preferred a bill to y^e^ Towne, desireing y^t^ they would grant him a Little peice of Land, w^ch^ Lies between Sam: Comstock & theire house: The w^ch^ y^e^ Towne Considering of, have seen cause to grant it him according to his bill, provided he gett o^r^ Towne Survey^rs^: to bovnd it to him, not any wayes thereby Damifieing y^e^ highway, w^ch^ y^e^ Survey^rs^ is to see vnto, & make returne thereof vnto y^e^ towne: And alsoe y^t^ y^e^ sd Dexter shall pay for y^e^ same, after y^e^ Rate as y^e^ sd Sam: Comstock payd, or is bovnd to doe, according to y^e^ Quantity thereof.

[**50**] An Auditt appointed.

Voted. Whereas Cap^t^: ffenner, & John whipple jun^r^: vpon y^e^ 15^th^ of December Last, were Chosen & appoynted to be an Auditt for this Towne, to meett w^th^ y^e^ rest of the Gen^rll^. Auditt for y^e^ Collony,

appoynted to meet at Henry palmer's house at Newport vpon y^e^ 21^th^. of ffeb: next, then & there to give in an accovnt on this Towne's behalfe, how this Towne's paym^t^. (for theire proposion): to John Clarke as to y^e^ Chart^r^: was ℔formed: And for as much as y^e^ person's therevnto appoynted, positively refuseing to attend that Service without some Consideration of y^e^ Towne for theire Charges therein: Therefore, it is ordered, y^t^ y^e^ sd Cap^t^ ffenner, & John whipple, shall have vpon demand (for y^e^ ℔formance of y^e^ Townes bissnesse as aforesd) a bill to o^r^ Towne Treasurur, to receive of him in y^e^ Towne's behalfe & for y^e^ Towne's use, Twenty shillings Each of them in or | as | Money. The w^ch^ bill shall be signed by y^e^ Clerke in y^e^ name & behalfe of y^e^ sd Towne.

Theire recompence.

And where to receive it.

Voted y^e^ Meetting is Disolved

Layd out vnto John ffeild Sen^r^: one Six Acree Lott on Neutoconkenett hill at y^e^ flagge pond, y^e^ flagge pond being part of it: And it is Bovnded at y^e^ foure Corners with heapes of stones; and it Rangeth from Corner to Corner vpon a straight Line; And it was Layd out by y^e^ Eighteen-foott pole, and this Six Acres was Layd out in Lue of a Six Acrees that John feild Layd downe on providence Neck neer y^e^ Cold Spring.

See in y^e^ 14^th^ page of this y^e^ Grant of Exchange. To Zachariah ffeild.

Return'd vnto y^e^ Towne this 27^th^ of January 1680: 81:

And this Six Acres was Layd out By me Arthur ffen^r^: Survey^r^:

Entered vpon Record vpon y^e^ 11^th^ of ffeb: $16\frac{80}{81}$:

By Dan: Abbott Towne Clerke

[51] Att a Towne Meetting on y^e 11^th of March 168$\frac{0}{1}$ Cap^t: Arthur ffenner Chosen Moderato^r.

Grand jury.] Chosen to Serue vpon y^e Grand jury in y^e Gen^rll: Court of Tryalls to be held at New-port on y^e Last Teusday of this jnstant Month March; are, John Smith Mason.

petty jury. Chosen to Serve vpon y^e jury of Tryalls in y^e Gen^rll Covrt of Tryalls aforesd; are, Edward Jnman, & John Angell.

Deputies. Chosen for Deputies, to Sitt in Gen^rll: Assembly in y^e Day of Election at New-port in May next, as alsoe y^e Day before y^e Election; are, John whipple jun^r:, Richard Arnold, Nathaniell waterman, & Thomas Harris jun^r:

Jt is voted. vpon y^e presentation of a bill by Tho: harris jun^r: desireing y^e accomidation of a Little Spott of grovnd of forty foot Square above high water marke by y^e water side against, or within y^e Compasse of y^e breadth of his father harris his home Lotts: The Towne vpon Consideration seeth cause to grant him according to his Bill, provided his sayd father Consenteth thereto: and soe y^e aforesd | Quantity | of Land is heareby given & granted vnto y^e sd Tho: harris jun^r: to be his proper Right to him, & to revert to his heires for Ever. Jt being vnderstood, y^t in y^e Laying out y^e Quantity of Land aforesd by o^r Towne Surveyer, y^e Comon Roade of y^e Towne be not any wayes jnfringed thereby, w^ch y^e Survey is to see vnto, & make his returne thereof to this Towne

granted to Tho: harris jun^r:

Memorand: The sd Thomas harris jun^r: hath in y^e sd grant the prieveledge Allowed him for y^e building a wharfe alsoe.

Heere is Entered a p[r]sentation to y[e] Towne, or returne made to y[e] Office, by Jonathan Morey as followeth

To y[e] Towne Mett this 11[th] day of March: 1680: or 81:

Jonathan Moreys matters.

Whereas I have vpon this Instant day, Entered vpon, and taken into my possession: Twelue Acars of vpland which was my Deceased father Roger Morey his Right, before two wittnesses. (to witt) Benjamin hernden & Samuell Comstock, by Turfe & twigg, the two wittnesses owneing y[e] same before y[e] Justices & y[e] Towne Meetting, as son & heire apparent to y[e] sayd Roger Morey; The sayd Land Lieing vpon y[e] South side of y[e] Land of Stephen harding, As alsoe I doe Claime y[e] Land in y[e] new feilds belonging to my sayd father: by him yet vnsold: And I desire this may be placed to Record in yo[r] Recordes.

Yo[r] reall friend Jonathan Morey.

The w[ch] is heare ℔formed: ℔ Dan: Abbott Towne Cl:

The Meetting is Disolved.

[52] Att a Towne meetting y[e] 27[th] of Aprill: 1681: being y[e] Town's quarter Day Cap[t] ffenner Chosen Moderator of y[e] Assembly.

granted vnto Jeremiah Rhoades to Lay downe a share to Comon.

Voted. whereas Jeremiah Roades desired by bill y[e] Exchange of a fifty Acree division share of vpland in y[e] Second Divission; Layd out vnto his (deceased) father Zachariah Roades by Thomas harris Survey[r] in y[e] yeare 1667, The which Lieth on y[e] Right hand of y[e] way goe|ing | vp to his father william Haughkings: The w[ch] by y[e] Towne is granted | him | he paying his Change money, the w[ch] was ℔formed ℔ Dan: Abbott in y[e] behalfe of the sd Jeremiah.

granted vnto Capt. Richard Smith

Voted. whereas Richard Smith by bill this day desireing the Towne would be pleased to give Libberty that our Towne survey^{r}, may revise & settle y^{e} bovnderies of y^{e} Right of four Acars of Land belonging vnto Thomas Roberts (deceased) Lieing betweene Cap^{t} ffenner's Land & y^{e} Land in y^{e} possession of Thomas feild in providence neck: The w^{ch} Right (he saith) he hath (as an Attturney to | Christopher | Roberts, heire to y^{e} sd Land) sold vnto Daniell Abbott; whereby he might give him Assurance of y^{e} same The w^{ch} by y^{e} Towne is granted according to his bill.

granted vnto Samuell winsor

Voted. whereas Samuell winsor hath by bill desired y^{e} accomidation of a peice of grovnd of forty foott Square above high water marke by y^{e} water side wth in y^{e} Breadth of his home Lott w^{ch} was his father's: The w^{ch} by y^{e} Towne is granted him, as alsoe wth y^{e} prieveledge of a whorfe, to be his proper Right, to him, & his heires for Ever.

granted to be annexed vnto y^{e} Lott wch was Robert west's Lott.

Jt is alsoe granted by y^{e} Towne y^{e} Like prieveledge, & quantity of forty foott Square of grovnd, to be annexed vn to that Lott w^{ch} Resolved waterman (deceased) bought of Robert west.

granted vnto Samuell whipple.

Jt is alsoe granted vnto Samuell whipple, with y^{e} Consent of his father in Law Thomas | harris | , that y^{e} sd whipple shall have y^{e} Like accomidation of a peice of grovnd of forty foott Square, & prieveledge of a whorfe alsoe, within y^{e} Compass of y^{e} Breadth of his sd father in Law's h[ ]me Lott or Lotts: To be his propper Right, to him, & to his heires for Ever.

granted to be annexed vnto Tho: hopkins his Lott.

Jt is alsoe granted by y^e^ Towne, that there shall be y^e^ Like prieveledge, & of forty foott Square of grovnd, annexed vnto Thomas hopkins his home Lott; to be appertaineing to y^e^ sd Lott for Ever.

The manner thereof.

Jt is vnderstood in these four Last grants, that if y^e^ quantities of y^e^ forty foott-square, can not conveinantly be afforded to be Layd out (soe) vpon y^e^ Square, without damnifieing y^e^ highway of y^e^ Towne: The sd quantity is to be Layd out in another figuer, according to y^e^ decression of y^e^ Survey^r^, & to make returne thereof to y^e^ Towne.

Voted. The meetting is Adjorned vntill tomorrow at nine of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ morning, being y^e^ 28^th^ of this jnstant

The Towne is againe Assembled according to y^e^ Adjornm^t^.

Cap^t^ ffenner Continues Moderator of y^e^ Assembly.

John jones his matters.

Voted. whereas o^r^ Ancient Neighb^r^ John Joanes by reason of his incassity to maintaine himselfe & make y^e^ best of his Estate, hath resigned his sd Estate to y^e^ Towne, and y^e^ Towne to make y^e^ best of it for his nescessary releife & y^e^ Townes Bennefitt; and he y^e^ sd Joanes in y^e^ time of his weaknes & by reason (as he saith) of his miss-vnderstanding what he was informed by [**53**] by y^e^ Justices & others by y^e^ Towne deputed: Took vpon him to make Sayle of that he putt into y^e^ Townes hands (to keep or sell (at theire pleasure) to his neighb^r^ Joseph Smith: The Towne not approveing of y^e^ Sayle: and vpon debate thereof, y^e^ sayd Joseph Smith hath, & doth, relinquishes y^e^ sayd sayle made by y^e^ | sd | Joanes vnto y^e^ sd Joseph Smith to y^e^ Towne to whome of Right it doth belong The Towne now mett doe heareby putt y^e^ sd Right of his house & Lott vpon sayle vpon these

The Sayle of John Joanes his Lott.

Contitions, that he or they that will give most for it in y^e speacia heare after named, that is to say, y^e Third part in silver, & the other two Thirds as money, & in such things as two men appoynted by y^e Towne shall see it be needfull for y^e sd Joanes releife, provided it can be had for any pay at money price; And alsoe that y^e sd John Joanes shall in habitt in y^e sd house soe Long as y^e | sd | Joanes shall see cause & y^e Town's Two men before sd to be Chosen: and to have a path way of four foott wide to pass & repass from y^e house to y^e high way, for him, or any other person or persons to see, vissitt, & releive him.

The sayle of of John Joanes his Lott as abovesd Sould by the jnch of y^e Candle

Thomas harris hath bid sixteen povnd as abovesayd
Joseph Smith seaven shillings more
The sd Harris Eight shillings more
The sd Smith Eleven shillings
Tho: Harris Twelve shillings
Jo: Smith Sixteen shillings
Tho: Harris Seaventeen povnd Six shillings.

conserning Tho: Cooper.

Voted. whereas there is (this day) a Complaint made to the Towne against Tho: Coopper (resideing w^th Jonathan Sprague) of some miscarriage of his since he came with in this Townes jurisdiction: Jt is therefore ordered by y^e Towne, That y^e Clerk shall signifie vnto y^e sd Coopper in a few Lines by y^e Serjant, to require him (in y^e Town's name), to make his personall apperance before them at theire next Town meetting, to give Answer to such things as shall be Objected against him:

granted to Abbott. Jt is granted by y^e^ Towne, that y^e^ Deed signed & sealed By Jeremiah Roades | vnto Dan: Abbott, | bareing date y^e^ nineteenth day of this jnstant month Aprill i681: may be putt vpon Record in o^r^ Towne Booke

Jt is alsoe granted by y^e^ Towne, that Maudlin Rhoades her signed Assent to y^e^ deed her husband Jeremiah Roades made to y^e^ sd Abbott, may be recorded in y^e^ Towne Booke:

The meetting Desolved

officers Chosen at y^e^ Elcetion and Engaged [**54**] Att a Towne Meetting June y^e^: 6^th^: i68i: it being our Election Day for Towne officers: John Whipple Chosen Modderator.

John Whipple (Jun^r^) Chosen Clerke: and Engaged

Thomas ffenner Chosen Constable: and Engaged

Joseph Jiencks Chosen Constable: and: Engaged

Thomas olney jun^r^, Cap^t^ william Hopkins and Jo^n^ Whipple ju^nr^ are Chosen to be Aded to y^e^ Majestrates to make up y^e^ Counsell,

Benjamin Whipple Chosen Serjant: and Engaged

two persons Chosen to be Aded to y^e^ Counsell Vated by y^e^ Towne that two persons more be Chosen to be Aded to y^e^ six men which are suposed to be y^e^ now Counsell to serue with them as y^e^ Towne Counsell for y^e^ yeare Ensueing, And y^t^ from hence fourth Annually there shall be fiue persons Chosen by y^e^ Towne to Add to the Majestrats to make up y^e^ Townes Counsell: any former in this Towne in any wise to y^e^ Contrary hereof not with standing,

y^e^ two: men The two men Chosen to Add to y^e^ supposed now Town Counsell for this Ensueing yeare are Edward Smith: and Nathā Waterman,

Jon Whipple senr his of 25 Acors of land,

Jt is Granted unto John Whipple senr: that he may Change his Twenty five Acres of upland lieing by Goatum Valley which he Bought of mr Benidict Arnold and his Deed not in any wise to be damnified thereby: he haveing payd his Change mony accordin to Towne order,

metteing Ajorned

The Towne Metteing is Ajorned to this day Come Seaven night and then to meet by nine of ye Clock in ye morning

mett acording to theire Adjormt:

The Towne is againe Mett according to theire Adjornement,

an order for ye receiveing of ye Books of ye late Clarke and Deliver ym to ye now Towne Clerk,

Voated by ye Towne yt mr Joseph Jiencks senr, Capt william Hopkines, and Thomas ffeild, or any two of them be hereby Jmpowered to receiue of Daniell Abbott ye late Clerke the Towne Books, Writeings, and records whatsoeuer belonging to this Towne, and to give ye sayd late Clerke Daniell Abbott a full Discharge for ye same, and to Deliuer them all to ye now Towne Clerke John Whipple junr: and this to be performed upon ye Townes Acount and in theire names and behalfe upon ye sixth day of July: 1681 whereas our Majestrats with some others took upon them to make a rate (as is sayd by Towne order) and haue rated such as by Towne order they had not to doe to rate, some being not freemen, some widdows, and some | others, |

widdows not to pay to Serjar|n/t wages nor hovse rent

Voated by ye Towne that noe person or persons whatsoeuer shall be rated to serjants wages or house rent that are not ffreemen of this Towne: or have payd theire Equall proportons [**55**] proportions to Each of them or any of them that they haue payd, any orders to ye Contrary hereof in any wise not with standing.

ye order for ye record of Richard Smiths land being fower Acres of Robberts

V|o|ated by ye Towne upon ye request of mr Richard Smith Attorny to Christopher Robberts Heire unto Thomas Robberts of this Towne (Deceased) that whereas ye Boundes of fower Acres of upland lieing in ye neck are lost, that ye serveior or surueiors doe settle ye sayd Boundes of ye same and make returne to ye Towne

The Meeting is Desolved:

Att a Towne Meeting July ye: 27th: 1681: it being the Townes quarter day Capt: Arthor ffenner Chosen modderator,

Abbotts Bill refered

The Bill signed Daniell Abbott is reffered to the next Towne meeting

Abbotts & Roades Bill is refered:

The returne of Land signed Arthor ffenner about Dañ Abbott and Jeremiath Roades Conserning the land sold to ye sayd Abbott be refered to ye next Towne meeting and then Each person of them to make the matter in Difference Cleare to ye Towne, or Elce the Towne shall yett suspend the matter

Voated by ye Towne yt all ye Bills Depending be reffered to ye next Towne meeting. ye meeting is Disolved

At a Towne Meeting August the: 24th: day. 1681 Arthor ffenner Chosen Modderator for ye meeting:

ye Asemblys acts read

This Day ye Generall Asemblys Acts dated may ye: third 1681: and may ye: 4th. 1681: were publickly read,

Jurymen Chosen

Jonathan Sprague Chosen a Grand juryman for to Antend the Generall Court of Trialls: next sitting at

New: port: Chosen to serve upon y^e^ jury of Trialls next sitting at Newport are Hennery Estin and Joseph Smith.

Deputy Chosen

Chosen Deputys to sitt in y^e^ Generall Asembly sitting next at Newport are: Cap^t^: Hopkins, Vallentine Whiteman Nathanill Waterman, and John Whipple Jūnr

The meeting is Desolved:

Att a Towne meeting October: y^e^: 27^th^: 1681: mr Roger Williams Chosen modderator:

Way Chosen Cunstable

George Way Chosen Constable for y^e^ remaineing part of this yeare till y^e^ next Election of Towne officers, and Engaged: the other order about y^e^ highway ordered by y^e^ Towne to be Agetated in a ffuller meeting

The Meeting is Desolved

[56] Att a Towne Meeting December: y^e^: 7^th^: 1681: John: Whipple Chosen Modderator

The Generall Assemblys Acts made y^e^ 26^th^: of Octobe^r^, 1681 were this Day publicly read

Voated y^t^ the land layd out unto Thomas Harris sen^r^ for sixty Acres: be made up sixty Acres:

Voated y^t^ Thomas Arnold may Change his halfe shaire of meadow which belonged to him upon a purchase Right Accompt and take it up Elce where he haveing payd his Change mony

Jt is Granted unt Zachariah ffeild y^t^ he may have to y^e^ quantety of forty ffoot square of land above high water marke

by y^e^ water side with y^e^ privelidge to build a Warfe, Against his ffathers Lott in y^e^ Towne nott damnifieng any high ways,

Voated y^t^ Samuell Whipple if he see cause, may Change three Acres of land which lieth upon obseruation Hill, Ajoyneing to y^e^ land of Nicholas power now Deceased, for y^e^ Advantage of the orphan of y^e^ sayd power he haveing payd his Change mony and take it up Elce where, or keep it and loose his Change mony as he sees Cause

Voated y^t^ Daniell Browne may Change abovt three Acres and three quarters of land in y^e^ neck and take it up Elce Where in y^e^ necke haveing payd his Change,

Voated y^t^ Richard pray may change his shaire of land lieing to John Haukins or neere there abouts, Ariseing to him in y^e^ fifty Acre Deuition by y^e^ right of Comoning belonging to John Clawson (Deceased) he haveing payd his Change mony

Voated that John Dexter hath libberty to fence in about two Acres of y^e^ Townes Comon, which is about by him to be fenced in, that soe his fence may runn̄ strait being about to fence in his meadow: the which Comon lieth against y^e^ sayd mead|ow|, and y^e^ sayd Dexter will sattistie y^e^ Towne for it, when y^e^ Towne shall settle y^e^ high way y^t^ goeth through y^e^ sayd Dexter^s^ land,

The meetting is Ajorned

The Towne is againe mett, acording to theire Ajormem^nt^

Voated by y^e^ Towne, y^t^ the Towne Clark send to william jarratt soe Called, that he Appeare before our Towne meetting [57] meeting upon y^e^ 14^th^ of this Jnstant Decemb^er^ by nine of y^e^ Clock in the morning, and that y^e^ Clark send in y^e^ Townes name,

Voated whereas at a Towne meeting November y^e^ 17^th^: 1680 the Towne did grant leave y^t^ Thomas Cooper might reside in this Towne, till y^e^ Towne see cause to y^e^ Contrary, the Towne upon just reason, Doe see Cause y^t^ the sayd Thomas Cooper shall nott any longer stay or reside within this Townes jurydiction, but forthwith be gone, before y^e^ 14^th^ of this instant December 1681 if he have: 3: days warning, if nott then within three days after y^e^ sayd Time, or then to be sent by the Constable to y^e^ next Constable of y^e^ next Towne to be Conveied to y^e^ place from whence he Came. and y^t^ by a warrant from any one of y^e^ justices of o^r^ sayd Towne

Voated y^e^ Bills Depending be refered to y^e^ next meeting

the meeting is Desolved

Att a Towne meeting December y^e^: 14^th^: 1681 John Whipple Jun^r^ Chosen modderator of this meeting

Chosen to be y^e^ Towne Counsell for this rest part of y^e^ yeare till y^e^ next Election of Towne officers with y^e^ Assistants are Thomas Olney jun^r^: Cap^t^ william Hopkins, Edward Smith, Nathaniell Waterman, Thomas ffeild, and Jo^n^: Whipple jun^r^, the sayd six persons were all of them Engaged according to law,

[1] | Vated that y^e^ returne of land layd out unto Benjamin whipple in | the | Right of his ffather be Recorded according to y^e^ returne made by Cap^t^: William hopkins servior, | [1]

Voated Whereas this Towne of providence hath long Exsperienced y^e^ Great Bennifitt y^t^ they haue had by there pitchwood

[1] This paragraph is interlined on the margin of the page.

for Candell light: As also Considering y^e^ great inconveiniencye which they may be made pertakers of in Case they should be deprived thereof: And whereas there is a bruite abroade that some person or persons are Determined to propagate the runing of Tarr from pitchwood; As also of pitchwood to make Coale: The Towne Well weighing y^e^ premises, & Considering y^e^ Great damage which will Accrew in Case such a designe be put in Execution. This Towne doth therefore see Cause the same timely to prevent; And doe hereby declare against, and forbid any person or persons whatsoever Either Jnhabetants or strangers of makeing Coale of any pitchwood, or from any pitchwood to run̄ Tarr, within y^e^ limetts, Verge or libbertys of this Towne of providence, And doe hereby order, and Enact that if any person or persons, Either Jnhabetants or strangers shall at any time from this day forward within y^e^ limitts verge or libbertys of this Towne of providence make any Coale of pitchwood, or run̄ any Tarr from pitchwood, or be a procurer or imployer of any person or persons what soever soe to doe, (Except it be to y^e^ quantety of tenn̄ [**58**] Tenn̄ Gallons for his one proper use, and he being an Jnhabetant of this Towne,) All y^e^ Tarr and Coale soe made shall be fforfitt, the one halfe therof shall be unto y^e^ informer, and y^e^ other halfe shall be unto y^e^ Towne Treasurey: The which shall be seized either by a warrant from any one of Majestrates or by order from y^e^ Towne. And that the sayd person or persons who make y^e^ sayd Tarr̄ & Coales, and theire imployers and procureres for Each Defect, from

Jt was Voated by Towne y^t^ a Coppie of this order abovt pitchwood be sett up in some publick place of this Towne which was Done,

time to time shall forfitt Each of them y^e^ sum̄ of ffifty shillings in, or as mony; The which also shall be taken by Distraint by a warrant from any one of y^e^ Majestrates or by order from y^e^ Towne. And be it further Enacted, that if any person or persons whatsoever shall remoue, desspose of or Conveye away any of y^e^ sayd Tarr or Coales so made as aforesayd, that thereby y^e^ seasure thereof be or might be obstructed, or shall be instrumentall to y^e^ propagateing of the same, Either by receiveing into theire, or Either of theire Coustodye or possestions, or within y^e^ same retaineing or suffering to be retained any of y^e^ sayd Tarr̄ or Coales, or any other ways to imbazell or obscure y^e^ same, that Each person soe offending, shall from time to time for Each Defect forffitt y^e^ sum̄ of Tenn pounds in or as mony, The which shall be recovered by a due Course of Law; The one Third part of which fforffiture shall be to y^e^ Jnformer, and y^e^ other two parts shall be to y^e^ Towne Treasurey, And this order to stand in force any former Act or Clawes therein by our towne at any time made to y^e^ Contrarey here of in any wise not withstanding

The meeting is Ajorned to this day Com fortnight to nine of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ morning which will be 28^th^ of | this | instant

The Towne is Againe mett Acording to theire Adjornm^nt^

Voated whereas Vallentin whiteman Did put in a bill upon y^e^: 14^th^ of this instant decem^r^, desireing y^t^ the Towne wovld take some Effectuall Course for the preventing of strangers Comeing into o^r^ Towne to Jnhabbett or reside, And for as much as divers Complaynts haue bene made to o^r^ justices in order to preuent the same, and nothing done in order thereunto but rather shelter them to y^e^ great damage of y^e^ Towne; The Towne doe therefore order and hereby declare that for

the future our Towne Counsell or y^e^ major part of them, shall have full power from time to time to order in y^t^ Affaire according to theire descretions, The which shall be deemed as Effectuall to all Jntents as if Every one of y^e^ Townes men had Acted y^e^ same, any law to y^e^ Contrary in this Towne notwithstanding

[**59**] Vated by the Towne, that y^e^ Deed Eliazur Whipple received of Edward Smith of this Towne, of y^t^ right of Comoning y^t^ was his ffather Christopher Smith^s^ Deceased, be recorded in o^r^ Towne Book of Land Evedience.

This Day William Hopkins and Abigaill Dexte both of this Towne of providence were published in way of marrage Each with y^e^ other, it being the first time of publication.

Voated y^t^ John Whipple Clerk carry with him up to mr Richard Arnold^s^ a Coppie of y^e^ Engagement, y^e^ justices now being there that Edward Smith one of y^e^ Towne Counsell may be Engaged before one or more of y^e^ justices

The Meeting is ajorned to y^e^ next munday morning at Nine of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ morning which will be y^e^ seccond day of Januarey: 1681

The Towne is againe mett acording to theire Ajornement,

Voated it is Granted unto Thomas Harris sen^r^, That he may have to y^e^ quantety of forty foot square of land, Betwixt high Water marke and y^e^ ffronts of his House lotts, not damifieing y^e^ highway or Towne street, Nor Conveinient high ways to y^e^ water side, and the serueior y^t^ doth lay it out is to take Care about y^e^ same.

Voated, it is Granted to Thomas Harris sen^r^ that he may Chang^e^ his Twenty Acre Lott lieing on Way Bossett side,

westward from y^e^ land of James Mattison he haveing payd his Change mony

Voated by the Towne, that there be a sufficient highway kept for y^e^ Townes use of three poles wide from the Towne street to y^e^ water side, that y^e^ Towne may if they see Cause sett up a warfe at y^e^ End of it in the most Conveinient | place | y^t^ may be, and in order thereunto the Two serveiors, and Thomas ffeild are Appoynted to state the place and lay it out and make returne to y^e^ Towne meeting the next quarter day or as soone as they Cann̄ Doe it

This Day William Hopkins and Abigaile Dexter were both published in way of marrage, Each with y^e^ other it being the second time of publication,

Voated by y^e^ Towne y^t^: Thomas olney Jun^r^, Thomas ffeild and Joseph Williams or any two of them are Desired, and Authorized to Desire of y^e^ justicess or any one of them to Grant a Warrant to send Thomas Cooper out of this Towne according to y^e^ Townes December: y^e^: 7^th^: 1681: and to see y^e^ thing Effectually Done, and if y^e^ justices shall deny or refuse to Grant Warrant as Aforesd, then they or y^e^ major part of them are Jmpowered, to desire | of | the Gove|r|nor a Warrant to send y^e^ sayd Thomas Cooper to the place of [**60**] of his former aboode where he formerly lived before he came to this Towne

V|o|ated by y^e^ Towne y^t^: in Consideration, and full payment of all Debts, Dves, and Demaundes, betwixt Epenetus Olney and this Towne, That y^e^ sayd Epenetus Olney shall have from the head of his Lott that his House standeth upon, at y^e^ upor Corner of y^e^ sayd lott next to y^e^ lane Called Dexter^s^: lane, To the souther most Corner, or south estermost Corner of y^e^

pound as the ffence now standeth, and soe to range upon a straight line from Corner to Corner of his sayd Lott, according as y^e^ front fence now standeth, And y^t^ the serveiors or Either of them, are hereby Jmpowered to doe it, and make theire returne to y^e^ Towne meeting Thee Meeting is Desolved

Att a Towne meeting: y^e^: 27^th^: of January: 168½: being the Townes quarter day: Cap^t^: Arthor ffenner Chosen Moddera-tor:

Whereas John Whipple Towne Clarke is Absent, Jt is Voated that Daniell Abbott supply his place, and his Chosen Clarke protemporer

Voated upon y^e^ petition of providence Williams for a little peice of Grovnd to sett up a ware-house, with y^e^ priuiledge of a warfe, Against y^e^ Towne lane by Daniell Williams, Jt is Granted him the like quantety of forty foote square as others have had, Granted them, if there it may be spared, Consider-ing Epenetus olney^s^ his Grant, as Alsoe nott Damnifieing the Comon Roade. And in Case of straitenes, Jt is Granted y^e^ sayd Complement be made up Against his Brothers Daniell^s^ lott.

Voated and Granted unto William Hudson (formerly an Apprentice to Joshua ffoot) leave and libberty to Buy land of any ffree Jnhabetant of this Towne, And settle Amongs uss

Jt is Granted unto Daniell jencks, that hee hath libberty by the Towne Allowed him to Dwell and Abide with his Brother jenckes whereby hee may learne and perfectt his Trade of his Brother Joseph jenckes

Voated it is Granted to Thomas harris june^r^ y^t^: hee may Change five Acres of land lieing at y^e^ new-feilds in y^e^ necke

the owne halfe whereof being upon y^e^ Right of Jane power the other upon the Right of Ann̄ Harris

Voated, Jt is Granted unto Samuell Bennett, that hee may Change a fifty Acre Divition share of upland and meadow Grovnd lieing at wayunkeege, and take it up Elce where upon y^e^ Townes Comon provided Conveinient high ways be not Damnified; the which y^e^ Towne Serveior is to look unto in the laying out. provided alsoe y^t^ he pay his Change money: as hee hath Done

[**61**] Voated that whereas Arthor ffenner, Vallintine Whiteman, Eliazur Arnold, Nathanill Morey, and John Jnman hath Given Bond under theire handes and seales in the sum̄ of fifteene poundes sterleing, to save the Towne harmeless from any Charge y^t^ may arise by, or through the Abideing of one William Garrard within y^e^ Towne shippe of providence the which Bond is by y^e^ Towne Accepted upon y^t^ Acompt, acording to the nature and Tenure thereof

Voated and Granted unto Samvell Comstocke, That whereas his Brother in law Thomas Arnold hath ordered him to take up Thirty Acres of land upon his Acount, being y^e^ one halfe of y^t^ Divition of sixty Acres of land (allready agreed upon by y^e^ Towne) to be layd out betweene the fower mile line, and y^e^ seauen mile line unto Each y^e^ propriators thereof, Jt is Alowed to the sayd Comstock Libberty to take up the sayd quantety of land neerer y^e^ sayd Towne, as it may fall for his Conveinency, the neck only Excepted provided Conveinent high ways be nott Damnified, The which y^e^ Towne serveiors is to looke unto in y^e^ laying out

The meeting is Ajorned untill this Day Come fortnight,

which will be upon y^e: 10^th: of february: next at: nine of y^e Clock in y^e morning

The Towne is againe meett According to theire Ajornement this tenth of ffebbrary: 1681 Arthor ffenner Continveth, modd^r,

Voated that there shall be sufficient highway Continnually in being, on the west side of Thomas Wallings farme beginning at North End of y^e land taken up allready by Samuell Comstock in the Right of Thomas Arnold, and soe to run̄ northward as farr forth as y^e saide farme, and then to turne Eastward untill it Reach to the high way or Roade which leadeth from the Towne towards John Angell^s: Dewlling, and y^t: at y^e north Easterne Corner of y^e sayd Thomas Wallings farme, and y^e south Easterne Corner of Samuell Whipples farme, the way shall not be made narrower;

Voated that the severall returns of land made by the serveiors to y^e Towne be recorded, the owners of y^e sd returns payin y^e Clerk for y^m,

Voated, it is Granted unto James Ashton that hee shall have a peece of land fforty foote broade, against his lott, or lotts where his dwelling house stood in this Towne of providence, at the west End thereof, Reaching to y^e Channell Allowing a sufficient high way betweene the sayd land and y^e aforesayd lotts of y^e sayd James Aston

Voated it is Granted unto Thomas Olney jun^r that he shall have a peece of land of forty foote broade against y^e west End of James Ashton his lott or lotts where his Dwelling house stoode in this Towne of providence, and reaching to the Channell Allowing a sufficient high way betweene the sayd land and the aforesayd James Ashton^s Lotts

[**62**] Voated that Cap^{t} Arthor ffenner: m^{r} Richard Arnold Cap^{t} william Hopkins, John Whipple Jun^{r} and Thomas Olney jun^{r} shall meete with Edward Jnman and Debate the matter with him about the lands whereon hee and others with him are settled upon, and what Conclusion and Agreement the sayd persons Doe make with the sayd Edward Jnman and with other persons with him Conserned; the Towne will Accept as theire owne Act; The which shall be performed, and a returne made to the next quarter days meeteing of this Towne

The Bills Depending are refered to y^{e} next Meeting

Voated by the Towne that this following returne of land of Epenetus olney^{s} be recorded. The meeting is Desolved,

By order of the Towne Layd out unto Epenetus Olney: a peece of land Adjoyneing to the south side of his lott, whereon his House standeth, Jt begining at the South Easterne Cornner of his lott, and soe to range with the south Easterne Corner of the place where y^{e} pound stood, and soe ranging to the ffront of his lott unto a stone there sett up for a Bound, Jt alsoe being bounded in the range with seuerall Bounds; Layd out by mee William Hopkins serueior ffeburary the: 10th: 1681

Recorded by and with the Townes Consent March the first, 1681: ℔^{r} mee John Whipple jun^{r}: Clerke,

Att a Towne meeteing March y^{e}: 13th: 1681^{82}: m^{r} Richard Arnold Chosen modderator

Benjamin Carpenter Chosen to serve on y^{e} Grand Jnquest at y^{e} Generall Court of Trialls, to be held at newport, the last Tuesday in this Jnstant march: 1681:^{82}

John Wilkenson and Thomas Estin are Chosen to serve on

the jury of trialls in y^e^ sayd Court, at y^e^ time and place aforesayd

Chosen Deputys to serve at y^e^ Generall Asembly the day before y^e^ Election, and in y^e^ Generall Asembly of the Election to be held at newport in may next, are Edward Smith Thomas Harris jun^r^, Thomas Arnold, and John Whipple jun^r^.

Voated, the presentation by mr Dexter this Day presented be refered, to y^e^ next meeting, and then if y^e^ sayd Dexter doe desire it to be recorded, it may be recorded the Towne voateing it soe to be, and the sayd Dexter paying the Clerk for his recording thereof

[**63**] Jt is Granted unto peter place that hee shall have the quantety of forty foot square of land, against the front of Thomas Harris his lott or lotts, on y^e^ west side of the high way not Damnifieing y^e^ sayd high way or Towne street, and the sayd land to reach to y^e^ sea Channell: to build a warfe on if he see cavse, the sayd Thomas Harris Consenting to his the sayd peter^s^ haveing it there; the meeting is Desolved,

Att a Towne Meeting Aprill: y^e^: 27^th^: 1682: Jt being the Townes quarter Day: mr Joseph Jiencks Chosen Modderator,

Whereas at a Towne Meeting ffeburarey y^e^: 10^th^: 1681 Arthor ffenner, Richard Arnold, William Hopkins, John Whipple jun^r^, and Thomas Olney: junr: were ordered, and Jmpowered by the Towne to make a Conclusion with Edward Jnman and other^s^ with him Conserned as to a Tract of land lieing in the northerne part of o^r^ Towneshipp; The sayd Towne^s^ Trustees haveing this day made theire returne of theire proceedes, with the sayd Edward Jnman and his Associates, that an Jshue is fully by Agreement on both partys

made, An Jnstrvement in parchment is Drawne and by both partys signed and sealed, A platt of the severall percells of lands allowed to y^e^ said Edward Jnman and his Associates, in papor being made, The which sayd Jnstrvement in parchment, and platt in paper being by y^e^ abouesayd Trustees alsoe Deliuered unto y^e^ Towne, The Towne Accepteth the Agreement and have Received y^e^ sayd Jnstrvement and platt, and Doe Comitt both y^e^ sayd Jnstrvement and platt unto y^e^ Townes Clerks office there to be Carefully kept

Voated That y^e^ Jnstrvement made beetweene y^e^ Towne by their trustees and Edward Jnman and his Associats, be Enroled by the Towne Clerke in o^r^ Towne Booke, they paying for y^e^ same or giveing the Clerke security for y^e^ payment thereof before it be Done, or Elce y^e^ Clerke may refuse to doe it

Voated by y^e^ Towne that Edward Jnman may have a Coppie of that Jnstrvement, signed and sealed by Edward Jnman and his Associates, and y^e^ Towne by theire Trustees, y^e^ sayd Edward Jnman payin the Clerke for his Coppieing out y^e^ same,

Voated by y^e^ Towne that y^e^ Bond Givem to y^e^ Towne, signed, sealed and Delivered by Arthor ffenner, Vallentine Whiteman, Nathaniell Mowrey, Eliazur Arnold, and John Jnman of this Towne, that one William jarratt now in this Towne shovld not be Chargeable, nor trovblesome to y^e^ Towne till y^e^ last of mar|c|h, last past, and then theire bond to be Voyd, be returned to them againe by the Towne Clerke: they haveing not forfitted y^e^ sayd Bond

[64] Whereas one Roger Billings makes Claime unto a Certaine percell of land within o^r^ Towneshipp, lieing upon

pautuckett Riuer, and makes report amongst some of o^{r} neighbours that he Jntends to have it Confirmed upon him by y^{e} Athoritye of y^{e} Massachvsetts at theire next Generall Court. The Towne doe therefore order that a letter be drawne up and sent to the Authority of y^{e} massachvsetts, to Jnforme them that the sayd land Claimed by y^{e} sayd Billing is the Townes land, and that Billing hath noe Right there unto, And that Cap^{t} Arthor ffenner, mr Joseph Jiencks, Cap^{t}: William hopkins and John Whipple Junr, or major part of them shall on the Townes behalfe prepare a letter to send as aforesayd, y^{e} which being prepared the Towne Clerke shall on y^{e} Townes behalfe signe the same.

Voated by the Towne that Edward Manton may Change his fifty Acres of upland being in y^{e} seccond Deuition or fifty Acre Devition, and Eight Acres and halfe of meadow lieing in the sayd devition and take it up Elcewhere upon y^{e} Townes Comon: he haveing payd his Change mony for Both percells,

Voated that William Whipple may Change a leaven Acres of land which his father gave him at loquassqusuck, the sayd leaven Acres lieing at y^{e} Easterne or north Easterne End of his y^{e} sayd william^{s} other land, And being parted from his other other land by a high way betwixt them layd out by the serveior to goe up in to y^{e} Cuntrey, and take it up Elcewhere upon the Townes Comon he haveing payd his Change money,

Voated that Joseph Aldrigg may Jnhabbett in this Towne with his famely the Towne haveing Consented thereunto,

Voate that y^{e} Bill depending be reffered to y^{e} next meeting

The meeteing is Desolved

At a Towne Meeting June y^e^: 5^th^: 1682 being the Townes day of Election for Towne officers, Cap^t^: Arthor ffenner moderator,

John Whipple jun^r^ Chosen Clerke and Engaged

Edward manton, & Joseph Smith Chosen Cunstables and Engaged

Thomas Olney jun^r^, Cap^t^: William Hopkins, Nathaniell Waterman, Thomas ffeild, Edward Smith, and John Whipple junr: are Chosen to Add to o^r^ Three majestrats to be the Towne Covnsell for this Ensveing yeare and are all of them Engaged as the law requireth

John Whipple junr Chosen Treasurer, and Engaged

Cap^t^: Arthor ffenner, and Cap^t^: William Hopkins are Chosen serveiors for this Ensveing yeare, for laying out all such landes as shall by y^e^ Towne be ordered to layd out, or have beene by y^e^ sayd Towne ordered to be layd out.

James Angell Chosen serjant for y^e^ yeare, and Engaged

[**65**] Samuell Winsor, and Benjamin Hernden are Chosen serueiors, for to order for y^e^ mending of y^e^ highways, for this Ensueing yeare

Voated that John Whipple jun^r^: Towne Clerke shall Deliver up all Books and Writeings that belong unto y^e^ Towne Counsell, and at the Counsells next meeteing into theire handes to deliver them there to remaine for y^e^ Counsells use from time to time for y^e^ future, and in soe Doeing this shall be yovr Disscharge

Voated that y^e^ seaverall returns of land, this day returned to the Towne by Cap^t^: William Hopkins, and Thomas olney: jun^r^: serveiors, be recorded in o^r^ Towne Booke, the owners of

y^e^ sayd land paying the Clerke for y^e^ recording there of, the meeteing is Desolved,

Att A Towne Meeting July: y^e^: 17^th^: 1682: Arthor ffenner Moderat^r^

This Day y^e^ Generall Asemblys Acts, both before y^e^ Election and at y^e^ Election in may: 1682: and y^e^ Acts of y^e^ sayd Asembly by Ajornement to y^e^: 28^th^: of june: 1682: were in o^r^ Towne meeting publickliy read in y^e^ Audience of y^e^ meeting

Whereas there are many persons to y^e^ Great damage of y^e^ Towne and Every Comoner therein, through theire Covettiousness doe Erregularly and at unreasonable times Cutt y^e^ Thach groweing upon y^e^ Townes Comon, thinkeing to Bennifitt themselves and Dannifie the Comons belonging to y^e^ Towne, and thereby in a little time will ruanate: the same, to y^e^ Townes Great damage, in order to preuent such Abuseses for the Time to Come

Jt is ordered by y^e^ Towne, that from this day, if any person or persons whatsoever shall venture, or presume to Cutt, or Cause to be Cutt derectly, or inderectly any Thach Growing upon any part of y^e^ Townes Comon, untill y^e^ first Tuesday in Septem^r^, (after sun riseing) next Ensueing Annually, till this order be by y^e^ Towne repealed, They and Every of them shall forfitt, all y^e^ Thach soe Cutt by any ways or meanes whatso Ever, to the person or persons that shall finde the same, Cutt, made up, or stacked or carting away, And shall for Each loade acording to the Comon Acovnt of a loade Cutt, made up, stacked, or other ways, unduely had, or gotten beside this sayd order, shall alsoe forfitt into the Towne Treasury tenn shillings, to be taken by distraint by a warrant from any one Asistant or more, belonging to y^e^ Towne, And alsoe any per-

son or persons of o^{r} sayd Towne or with | in | o^{r} juridiction Jnhabetting | being comoners | that shall find any Cutt Contrarey to this sayd order, shall and may have of a justice, a warrant upon his Complaint | to | y^{e} sayd justice being of this Towne, to | seize & | secure the sayd Thach Cutt as aforesayd to y^{e} use of y^{e} finder, or Complanaint, Any order to y^{e} Contrary hereof in this Towne formerly made notwithstanding. And this order to | be | in full force at y^{e} desolveing of this present meeting

Voated that all the bills Depending be refered to y^{e} next Towne Meeting, The meeting is Desolved

[66] Att a Towne meeting July: y^{e}: 27th: 1682: being y^{e}: Townes quarter Day: m^{r} Richard Arnold Chosen modderator

Voated that m^{r} Richard Arnold^{s}: Bill, and the rest of the Bills relateing to this meeting, be refered to y^{e}: next meeting

Voated y^{t} m^{r} Josiah Arnold^{s} Bill be refered to the next quarter meeting. the meeting is Desolved,

Att a Towne Meeting August: y^{e}: 30th: 1682 m^{r} Joseph Chosen Modderator

This Day in the face of the Towne meeting the Governor^{s} of Boston his letter to this Towne was, Reade;

Chosen to serve on y^{e} Grand Jnquest, at y^{e} Generall Court of Tryalls to be held for y^{e} Collony, are John Mowrey

Chosen to serve on y^{e} Jury of Triars at y^{e} Court aforesayd are Silas Carpenter, and Samvell Wilkenson, Chosen Deputys to sitt in the Generall Asembly at warwick to be held for y^{e} Collony, y^{e} last Wensday in September, next for y^{e} well ordering of y^{e} Afaires of y^{e} Collony are Thomas Olney: Nathaniell Waterman, William hopkins and Edward Smith

Jt is Granted unto Thomas patey that he may Change five Acres of upland of y^t^ fourteene Acres of upland that y^e^ sayd patey Bought of this Towne, the five Acres to be layd Dovne by y^e^ sayd patey by Exchange with y^e^ Towne lieth upon y^e^ north part of y^e^ land bought of y^e^ sayd Browne, And to take it Elcewhere upon y^e^ Townes Comon, not Damnifieing high ways, the which is left to y^e^ judgment of y^e^ serveiors or serueior that shall lay out the same, he haveing payd his Change money: the meeting is Desolved

Att a Towne Meeting September: y^e^: 14^th^: 1682 Cap^t^: Arthor ffenner Chosen modderator,

Voated by y^e^ Towne y^t^: y^e^ Bills refered to this meeting are refered to y^e^ next meeting being quarter day, and then m^r^ Richard Arnold^s^ Bill first to be Agetated,

The Meeting is Desolved

[**67**] Att a Towne Meeting October: y^e^: 27^th^: 1682: being y^e^ Townes quarter day John Whipple jun^r^: Chosen modderator

Voated by y^e^ Towne, that y^e^ Deed Given by Joseph Wise of Roxbury in y^e^ mathachusetts Collony, unto Samuell Scarbrough of the sayd Towne, be recorded in our Towne Recordes,

Jt is Granted unto Epenetus olney that hee shall have forty foote square of land by y^e^ Eighteene foot pole above high water mark, and to run̄ y^e^ sayd Bredth to y^e^ sea Channell, against fronts of y^e^ lotts of James Aston not Damnifieing the Townes high, or towne strette

Jt is Granted unto John Whipple jun^r^: that hee shall have forty foot square of land, by y^e^: Eighteene foot pole, above high

water marke at a springe tide, Against y^e^ lotts of John Throckmorton, Not Damnifieing the high way, and to Carry that Breadth along to y^e^ Cannill,

Jt is Granted unto John Smith: y^e^ son̄ of Thomas Smith (tailo^r^ Deceased) that he may Change a sixty Acor lott belonging to the New Deuition, that was y^e^ land of william Wickenden, his Grandfather, and take it up Elcewhere upon the Townes Comon, he haveing payd his Change mony, according to order,

The Meeting is Ajorned to this Day Come fortnight, which will be the: 10^th^: of november, to nine of y^e^: Clock in y^e^: morning The Bills Depending are reffered to y^e^ next meeting

The Towne is Againe Mett Acording to theire Ajornement, John Whipple: jun^r^: Continnveth modderator.

Jt is Granted unto Larrawnce Wilkenson: y^t^ he may lay doune some part of his sixty Acre lott, that hee liveth upon, and take it up Elcewhere upon y^e^ Comon, Adjoyneing to his Aforesayd lott, the which is to be performed by y^e^ serveior, or serueiors, and returned to the Towne,

Voated whereas Richard Arnold putt in a bill desireing of the Towne, that he might take up his sixty Acre Deuition of land (which was Agreed upon to lye betweene y^e^ seaven mile line and y^e^ fovre mile line) The same to be layd out to him Adjoyneing to his Meaddow by y^e^ Ceader Swamp, and soe to lie Adjoyneing to Wansokutt hill, Jt is ordered that noe other person shall take up y^e^ sayd land untill y^e^: sayd Richard Arnold have his sixty Acres layd out unto him,

Ordered that all swine within the libbertys of this Towneshipp that Goe at libberty upon y^e^ Comon, shall After y^e^ last day of february next be sufficiently Rung Each swine with a

suficient Ring, and soe to remaine untill y^e^ fiftenth day of December in y^e^: yeare: 1683: and within the sayd time if any swine be found at any time without a suficient Ring [**68**] Ring the owner haveing notice thereof, and Doe nott with in one Days time after knowledge thereof Ring y^e^ sayd swine sufficiently, then shall the sayd swine be forfitt to the Jnformer, and the former owner of y^e^ sayd swine to pay what Damage, the sayd swine doth after knowledge that the swine is unrung, And after, the fiftenth day of December in y^e^ yeare: 1683: that noe person, or persons within this Towne shipp shall keepe any more swine but what they keepe upon theire owne land within fence, And if any swine shall be found upon any of the Townes Comon, or other mens lands, After the fiftenth day of December in y^e^ yeare aforesayd they shall be forfitt to the finder, But in Case that any swine shall breake out, the owners thereof shall have Notice thereof, And in Case the owners doe within one day Gett them upp, and pay what Damage they did wilst they were out, then they may keepe them, otherwise to be forfitt as Aforesayd, Any order, or orders to the Contrary hereof in any ways formerly made in this Towne Notwithstanding;

The Bills Depending are refered to y^e^ next meeting,

The meeting is Desolved

Jt is Granted unto Ephraim pray that he shall have the quantety of forty foote square of land, with liberty to make a warfe, against the lott his mother now liveth in, not Damnifieing any of the Townes high ways

Jt is Granted unto John Whipple jun^r^: that he shall have forty foot square of land above high water mark, and the Breadth of y^e^ sayd land to y^e^ Channell, against y^e^ lott: y^t^: the

sayd John Whipple liveth upon, not Damnifieing the Townes high way

These two Grants of forty foot square of land unto Ephraim pray, and John Whipple: jun^{r}: were Granted at the Towne meeting: July the: 17th: 1682: but were forgott to be recorded with y^{e} Acts of that meeting, and therefore are here recorded, Attest, John Whipple ju^{r}: Clerke

At a towne meeteing November the 15th: 1682: Captaine Arthur ffenner Moderator.

Ordred that Samuell Comstocks Bill for forty foote square of land on y^{e} norwesterne part of Thomas Olney his foure staked meadow, for severall reasons is not, nor shall not be granted: /

[**69**] Whereas there hath benn a long difference betweene this towne of Providence, & y^{e} 13 proprietors of Pautuxett about a devision of y^{e} said Pautuxett landes from y^{e} landes belonging to y^{e} aforsaid Towne of Providence; The said towne not being willing y^{e} said diference should any longer Continue, Doe appoynt five men of this towne of Providence as theire trustees, and fully impower them on y^{e} behalfe of y^{e} said towne to meete with y^{e} aforsaid propriators of Pautuxett, & with y^{e} said propriators to adjetat^{e} & agree y^{e} said difference. And what y^{e} said five persons shall agree upon with y^{e} said proprietors shall be as authentick to all intents & purposes as to y^{e} premises, as if Every perticular person in our towne were at y^{e} agreement, & asenting thereunto: The which shall be propegated with what Convenient speede may be. The five persons for y^{e} townes trustees for y^{e} aforsaid worke are Arthur ffenner, Richard Arnold, william Hopkins Edward Smith, & Thomas olney, who shall as aforsaid act doe & per-

forme on y^e^ townes behalfe, and shall have 2^s^ 6^d^ Each man ℔ day in money allowed them by y^e^ towne. The which money shall be allowed upon Each purchase Right, To y^e^ payment & dischargeing whereof; Jt is ordred that one shilling in money shall within one months time after this day be paid by Each purchasser into y^e^ handes of Joseph williams & Every 25 acre man answerable. (only y^e^ afornamed trustees to goe free.) And that y^e^ said trustees shall when they have performed y^e^ worke, make report thereof unto y^e^ towne. But it shall be in y^e^ liberty of y^e^ said trustees to keepe theire report unto themselves untill they have received theire wages. But it is ordred y^t^ Cap^t^: ffenner shall have only one Right goe free: Jt is further ordred, y^t^ as for what diferences may any wayes be betweene our towne of Providence & y^e^ towne of Warwick as concerning our lands, our aforsd trustees are fully impowred by our said towne to agree & detirmine in all such matters, The which agreement shall be to all intents & purposes as to y^e^ premises Authentick. /

The meeting is desolved. /

[**70**] At a towne meeteing Januarey y^e^ 27^th^: 168⅔ it being y^e^ townes quarter day m^r^ Joseph Jenkes Moderat^r^: ./

Jt is Granted unto Joseph Hearnton y^t^ hee may change y^t^ foure acrs of land y^t^ hee tooke up in lew of two acrs of meadow belonging to y^e^ fifty acre devision, & take it up Elsewhere upon y^e^ townes Comon. he haveing payd his change money.

Jt is Granted unto Joseph Smith y^t^ he may have y^e^ quantitye of forty foote square adjoyneing to y^e^ front of y^e^ Lott formerly called John Joanes his Lott, takeing y^e^ said quantitye

of forty foote square of land all y^e^ breadth of y^e^ said lott, vpon this Condition y^t^ he shall lay a row of steping stones acrosse y^e^ said lotts End close by y^e^ fence for people to passe, & repasse upon. /

Whereas m^r^ John Greene of Warwick hath this day by a bill demaunded of y^e^ towne a Right of Comoning in our towne with y^e^ land thereunto belonging upon y^e^ account of m^ris^: Alice Daniell, he himselfe being present at our meeteing persueing of y^e^ said bill. The townes answere is, That if any person doe as y^e^ legall successor of m^ris^: Alice Daniell make it appeare that there is a Right due from y^e^ towne to m^ris^ Alice Daniell, they doe not desire to withhold any persons Right. /

Voated y^t^ y^e^ Bond Given by m^r.^ Roger Williams m^r^ Thomas ffield & John Thornton Concerning Sarah Neals being not chargeable to y^e^ towne by herselfe or child be delivered up to y^e^ said persons. /

Jt is ordred & Granted that, that Corner of land lieing next the streete in y^e^ Corner betweene y^e^ fence, at y^e^ south End of Tho: Arnolds lott where his house standes, & Thomas olney his Orchard fence shall be unto y^e^ said Thomas olney & y^e^ said Thomas Arnold to them & theire heirs & Assignes for Ever. The which said [**71**] said land shall runn upon a line from y^e^ south Easter|ne| Corner of Thomas Arnolds Corner fence of his said house lot unto y^e^ Easterne Corner of y^e^ fence w^ch^ fenceth in Thomas Olneys Orchard, or lott whereon his dwelling house now standeth. The which said Corner of land shall be Equally devided betweene the said Thomas Olney & y^e^ said Thomas Arnold: /

The meeting is Ended.

[1] [0387] At a Towne meeting Janvary: y^e: 27^th: 1682[83]: Jt being y^e Townes quarter Day: m^r Jo^s Jiencks Chosen moderator:

[ ]oatd Jt is Granted unto Jo^s Hernton y^t he may Change y^t fower Acres of Land the he took up in lew of two Acres of meadow belonging to y^e fifty Devition: and take it up Elce where upon y^e Townes Comon: he haveing payd his Change mony:

Votd Jt is granted unto Joseph Smith: y^t he may have y^e quantety of forty foot Square of Land, Ajoyneing to y^e front of the | lott | formerly Called John Joanes his lott, takeing y^e sd quantety of forty foot sqvare of land all y^e width of y^e sayd lott, upon this Conditions y^t hee shall lay a row of stepings stones | for the Towne along y^e sayd ffence | to pass and repass upon: if need reqvire,

*se y^e other papor of this marke, Consernein Jo^n Greene of warwick [2]

Voated y^t y^e Bond^s Given by m^r Roger Williams m^r Tho ffeild: and John Thornton: Conserning Sarah Neale^s being | not | Chargeable to y^e Towne by herself or Child be Delivered up to y^e sayd three persons:

Ordred that that Corner of land lieing next y^e streete in y^e Corner betweene the fence at y^e South End of Tho: Arnolds lott where his howse Stand & Thomas Olney his orchard fence Shall be unto the said Tho: Olney & y^e said Thomas Arnold to them & theire heires | & Asignes | for Ever the which Said

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1 The original minutes of the meetings of January 27 and February 1 are here printed because of the difference in the statements of the adjournment of the first meeting and because the second meeting is not recorded in the record book.

2 This may refer to the "loose paper" mentioned on page 146 vol. III. of the Early Records of the Town of Providence.

land shall run upon a line from y^e^ South Easterne Corner of Tho: Arnolds Corner | fence | of his Said house lott, unto y^e^ Easterne Corner of y^e^ fence which fenceth in Thomas Olneys orchard or lot whereone his dwelling house now standeth The which Said Cornner of land Shall be Equ|aly| devided betweene the said Thomas Olney & y^e^ said Thomas Arnold.

Voate y^t^ y^e^ meetinge is ajorned to y^e^ next friday at nine of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ morning: which will be on the first of febrvary next Ensveing:

The | Towne | is againe meet Acording to y^e^ Ajornement,

Voated, Whereas m^r^ John Sanford Gennerall Recorder of this Colloney hath for a debt due to him from this Towne of Providence arrested a Certaine percell of land of y^e^ said Townes Comon, & where | as | Richard Arnold & william Hopkins hath proposed to y^e^ Towne to discharge the said debt & to free y^e^ said percell of land from y^e^ said arrest; provided that the said Towne will accomedate the said Richard Arnold, & the said will: Hopkins with a purchase Right of landes throughout the said plantations to be Equally devided betweene them. The Towne doe order that The said Richard Arnold, & the said William Hopkins shall discharg all debts, dues & demands which are due | now | from the said Towne of Providence unto y^e^ said John Sanford, & Release the aforsd arested land from y^e^ said arrest the Copyes of y^e^ last Gennerall Courts acts held at warwick in october last being included, & bring from y^e^ said John Sanford a full discharge & aquittance to aquitt & cleare the said Towne from y^e^ same, And when the same is performed & fullfilled, the said Richard Arnold, & y^e^ said William Hopkins shall in Consideration thereof be accomodated with a purchase Right of land throughout the planta-

tion of y^e^ said providence Equally to be devided betweene them: The which said debt shall be discharged, & the said Aquitance be taken & Returned to y^e^ said Towne betweene this day, & y^e^ 20^th^ of this Jnstant februarey

The meting is Desolved by a Clear Voate.

[**71**] At a Towne meeteing ffeburarey y^e^ 8^th^: 1682 Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner Moderat^r^:

Voated y^t^ y^e^ Gennerall Assemblys acts made at a Gennerall Asembley held at Warwick October y^e^ 25^th^: 1682: be publickly read. the which was accordingly done,

The meeting is desolved. /

At a towne meeteing ffeburarey y^e^ 14^th^: 168$\frac{2}{3}$ Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner Moderat^r^: /

Jt is Granted unto John Sheldon that he may change five acrs of meadow belonging to y^e^ fifty acre devision which formerly was y^e^ Right of William ffenner of this towne (deceased) And by y^e^ said John Sheldon purchassed of the said ffenner, And take up in lue thereof tenn acrs of low land Elsewhere upon y^e^ towns Comon where those devisions of land or meadowes are to be taken up. And when y^e^ said tenn acrs of low land is laid out by y^e^ sirveiors or sirveior unto John Sheldon then y^e^ said John Sheldon shall give y^e^ towne a firme deede of y^e^ said five acrs of meadow, & y^e^ towne at y^e^ same time to give y^e^ said John Sheldon a firme deede according to law of y^e^ said tenn acrs according to y^e^ returne of y^e^ said sirveiors, or sirveior. /

voated by y^e^ towne that Joseph Woodward be accomodat^d^ with y^e^ quantitye of 40 foote square of land at the westerne End of his house lott not damnifieing the Towns highway.

The meeting is Ended.

[**72**] At a towne Meeteing ffebruarey y^e^ 19^th^: 1682.
Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner Moderat^r^:

Whereas there was a debt due unto m^r^ John Sanford Genn^rl^: Record^r^ of this Colloney, from this towne of Providence; And whereas Richard Arnold of our said towne hath discharged y^e^ one halfe of y^e^ said debt for y^e^ said towne unto y^e^ said John Sanford: Jt is therefore ordred, detirmined & fully agreed upon by y^e^ free voate of this towne of Providence, That y^e^ sayd Richard Arnold, to repay him for y^e^ mony which he disbursted for our said towne in in dischargeing y^e^ sayd debt, shall be accomodated with so much land within our towneship on y^e^ East side of y^e^ seven mile line, as shall make up his five & twenty acre Right a full purchase Right Equall on y^e^ East side of y^e^ seaven mile line with a purchasser. Which said land, y^e^ said Richard Arnold accepteth in full satisfaction of what was due to him from y^e^ said Towne of what he discharged to y^e^ said John Sanford. And that no part of y^e^ said land is to be taken up within y^t^ tract of land Called y^e^ neck. /

Jt is Granted unto John Browne y^t^ he may change one acre of Meadow lieing at Loquasqussuck, or there about, & take it up Elsewhere upon y^e^ towns Comon. /

voated by y^e^ towne y^t^ y^e^ returne of land laid out to Joseph Woodward by Arthur ffenner sirveior & returned this day be Entred upon Record /

Whereas there was a debt due from this towne of Providence unto m^r^ John Sanford Gennerall Recorder of this Colloney, The which debt y^e^ one halfe thereof, was by Captaine William Hopkins payd unto y^e^ said John Sanford. Jn Consideration whereof, to repay y^e^ said William Hopkins what he hath disbursted in payeing y^e^ said debt; Jt is ordred, Granted, detir-

mined & fully agreed that the said William Hopkins shall be accomodated with halfe a purchase Right of land & Comoning within our plantation Reaching so far westward as y^e^ seven mile line & no further: The which said halfe Right y^e^ said William Hopkins accepteth in full satisfaction for what [**73**] what money he hath disbursted in discharging y^e^ said debt. And that no part of y^e^ said halfe purchase Right shall be taken up within y^t^ tract of land called the neck. /

Jt is ordred by y^e^ towne y^t^ y^e^ discharge from m^r^ John Sanford Gennerall Record^r^: Given, signed & sealed by him y^e^ said Sanford unto m^r^ Richard Arnold & Captaine William Hopkins to discharge y^e^ towne of Providence of & from all Debts, dues, & Demaundes, & actions or Causes, of acttions what so Ever Depending, or y^t^ have benn depending betwixt y^e^ said Sanford & this towne from y^e^ begining of y^e^ world to y^e^ day of y^e^ date of y^e^ same be Entred into our Towne booke, The towne payeing of y^e^ Clarke for Entring of y^e^ same. /

The Entry of y^e^ said discharge is as ffolloweth,

Be it knowne unto all whome it may Concerne, that That I John Sanford of the towne of Portsmouth on Rhode Jsland, have received of m^r^ Richard Arnold and Cap^t^ William Hopkins full & just satisfaction and payment of all debts & demands to me due and belonging from the towne of providence. And therefore I doe by these presents Exonerate, aquitt, and fully discharge the said Towne of Providence from all debts dues demands actions & Causes of actions, and all maner of differences what so Ever, being & depending betweene the said Towne and my selfe from the begining of the world to the presant day of the date hereof Jn Wittnesse whereof I have

hereunto sett my hand and seale the sixt day of ffebruary Annõ: 168⅔.

Testis. John Sanford Recorder

John Bordin

Jt is Granted unto John Smith (mason) that he may have y^e^ quantitye of fifteene foote square of land against y^e^ front of his fence. /

Vpon a bill put in by John Wilkenson & John Prey, Edward Smith & Eliazer Whiple are by y^e^ towne deputed to state a high way at or about Loquasqussuck to goe up into y^e^ Countrey. And make theire returne to y^e^ next meeting

Sam: winsors Bill is referred to y^e^ next meeting

The meeting is desolved

[**74**] At a towne Meeting ffebruarey y^e^ 26^th^: 168⅔:

Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner moderat^r^:

The meeting is adjorned to y^e^ next Tuesday, which will be y^e^ first day of march next Ensueing. /

According to adjornment y^e^ towne is againe mett march y^e^ first 168⅔:

John Thornton is chosen a Grand jury man to serve at a Gennerall Court of tryalls to be held at Newport for this Colloney the last Tusday in this Jnstant,

Tho: Patey & Eliazer Arnold are chosen to serve on y^e^ petty jury at y^e^ Court aforsd: /

Chosen for Deputyes to sitt in y^e^ Gennerall Asembly y^e^ day before y^e^ Election, & at y^e^ Election to be held for this Colloney y^e^ first wednesday in may next are Thomas ffield,

Thomas Arnold, Thomas ffenner, & Alexander Balkam. / The said Assemblyes are to be held at Newport on Rhode Jsland at y^e^ house of William Maze. /

Jt is voated y^t^ y^e^ deede signed John Browne unto Thomas Patey of y^e^ land he bought of y^e^ said Browne, & this day publickly read be recorded in our towne Records. /

Jt is Granted unto Daniell Abbott that he may change a six acre lott & take it up Elsewhere upon y^e^ townes Comon; he haveing payd his Change Mony. /

The meeting is Desolved.

At a towne meeting Aprill y^e^ 27^th^ : 1683: it being y^e^ townes quarter day; Arthur ffenner moderat^r^:

voated that y^e^ deede from John Joans to Joseph Smith, haveing this day benn publickly Read be recorded in our towne records. /

voated that y^e^ deede of Gift from George Shepard to George Way haveing this day benn publickly read be recorded in our towne Records. /

Jt is ordred y^t^ y^e^ sirveiors, or sirveior doe with all convenient speede state a highway to y^e^ Narrow passagge & y^t^ y^e^ take out of any mans land, makeing of it up to y^e^ said persons out of y^e^ towns Comon both in quantitye & quallitye, & y^e^ said sirveiors or sirveior, shall be payd for y^e^ doeing thereof out of y^e^ treasurey of this towne; voated. [**75**] voated that y^e^ returne of land laid out by Tho: Harris sen^r^: to Tho: Harris jun^r^: & this day returned to y^e^ towne be recorded in our towne Records, y^e^ said Tho: Harris jun^r^. payeing for y^e^ same. /

Vpon a bill by severall of our neighbours Exhibited to this meeting concerning Jndians coming into our towneshipp

to hunt & fish, &ct: And doe thereby damnify our inhabetants greately, & those indians also yt have served theire time with us. ffor prevention whereof the towne doe order that for ye future no Jndian nor Jndians shall come within our towneshipp (that have not served theire time in our towne) to hunt or fish, or to inhabitt; And if any of them (to witt strangers) shall so doe, they shall be dealt with all according to theire demeritts; The which shall be ye forfiture of his, or theire Gunn, or Gunns, or to ye value thereof, or trapp, or trapps, or to ye value thereof, or such things as he, or they are found useing for theire gamle| The one halfe to be to ye informer & ye other halfe to goe to ye towne treasurey; And for all such as are already within ye towneshipp shall have tenn dayes liberty to depart. And wee doe hereby warne all our Jndians to informe other Jndians yt belong not to our towne to depart within ye said time; and doe deny any here to abide but as they shall passe along ye Kings highway about theire lawfull occations Any order in this towne formerly made to ye Contrarey not withstanding: /

voated yt John Jnman may change a share of meadow in ye fifty acre devision & take it up Elcewhere upon ye townes Comon where ye said devision is to be taken up, he haveing payd his change money. /

Joseph Herntons Bill is referred to ye next meeting. /

Whereas the agreement betweene ye towne & Pautuxett hath this day benn read in the audience of ye towne, as concerning ye devideing of Pautuxett land from ye Gennerall Comon of ye towne of Providence The which agreement the towne doe approove And doe order & impower theire trustees which were for, & imployed to make ye said agreement,

also to runn y^e^ seven mile line home southward to y^e^ Extent of our plantation. And y^e^ devideing line in y^e^ said agreement mentioned also by them to be runn And that the worke be done without delay. The said trustees, are, Arthur ffenner, Richard Arnold, William Hopkins, Edward Smith, & Tho: Olney. /

The Meeting is Desolved. /

[**76**] At A Towne meeting may y^e^ 23^d^: 1683. m^r^ Joseph Jenkes moderat^r^:

Joseph Williams is appoynted at presant to write for y^e^ towne; the towne clarke being absent. /

Whereas there hath benn a complaynt made to y^e^ majestrates by Benjamin Hearnton jun^r^: & Joseph Hearnton, that y^e^ high-way up into the Countrey is stopped by Eliazer Whipple, This meeting juding themselves not in | a | Capacitye to act in y^t^ matter, doe therefore referr it to y^e^ next meeting, which will be y^e^ first munday in june next. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At A Towne meeting of Election y^e^ first munday in June i683: Jt being y^e^ 4^th^ day of y^e^ month m^r^ Joseph Jenkes moderat^r^:

Thomas Olney Chosen towne Clarke

Samuell Winsor, Samuell Wilkenson & John Arnold Chosen Cunstables, for y^e^ Ensueing yeare. /

Cap^t^ Arthur ffenner & Thomas Olney Chosen sirveirs to lay out land through out y^e^ whole plantation.

Henry Browne chosen Treasurer; but not Engaged,

Pardon Tillinghast & Shadrach Manton are Chosen Sirveiors to see to y^e^ repaireing of y^e^ highwayes. /

The meeting is adjorned unto Tuesday y^e^ 12: Jnstant, about 9 of y^e^ clock in y^e^ forenoone.

The meeting of Election is againe in being Tuesday June y^e^ i2^f^: by adjornment, 1683:

m^r^ Joseph Jenkes Continues moderator. /

Eliazer Arnold is chosen serjant. /

Thomas Olney, nathaniell waterman, Thomas ffield, william Hopkins Edward Smith, & Thomas Arnold are chosen to make up y^e^ towne Councill. /

whereas there is a complaint made that there is want of a stated high way from [**77**] from y^e^ Towne up into y^e^ Countrey through Loquasqussuck woodes towardes y^e^ Cedar swampe about wasquadomsett. Jt is therefore ordred that Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner, Cap^t^: William Hopkins & Joseph Williams doe state a highway from y^e^ towne up to wasquadomsett way which leadeth to y^e^ Cedar swampe; that is to say to wasquadomesett land, And also for other highwayes from mens lands to lead into that way which they state (viz) for so many wayes as they may judge at presant of necessitye, & to doe it with what convenient speed|e| may be. /

Ordred that m^r^: Joseph Jenkes, & Daniell Abbott shall receive y^e^ towne Recordes of John whipple jun^r^: late towne Clarke, And on y^e^ townes behalfe to discharge y^e^ said John whipple for what records they receive. / And to deliver y^e^ said Records into the handes of Thomas olney y^e^ presant clarke. /

The meeting is Desolved. /

At a quarter meeting July y^e^ 27^th^: 1683.

Cap^t^ Arthur ffenner moderat^r^:

Whereas Benjamin Hearnton jun^r^: hath this day by a bill requested of y^e^ towne to change 10 acrs of land which was laid

out in lue of one share of meado|w| as to a Right of y^e^ second devision in one Right of land the which said 10 acrs is adjoyneing to 60 acrs of land And both y^e^ said 60 acrs & y^e^ said 10 acrs given to him by his ffather Benjamin Hearnton by deede. But his deede not being presant in y^e^ meeting by which y^e^ towne may be informed of its date, & also in whose Right y^e^ said lands is originally derived from; his Bill is suspended for a full detirmination unto y^e^ next meeting. /

Whereas Richard Arnold hath proposed to y^e^ towne that he might take up y^e^ meadow which is due to him upon his purchase Right, Adjoyneing it to his meadow lyeing at y^e^ Cedar swampe; his Bill is granted. /

Whereas at our towne meeting of Election held by adjornment y^e^ 12^t^ of June 1683 an order was made for m^r^ Joseph Jenkes, & Daniell Abbott to receive y^e^ towne Records of John whiple jun^r^: (late towne clarke) And on y^e^ towns behalfe to discharge y^e^ said John whiple for what [**78**] what Records they receive. And whereas y^e^ towns Records are | yet | by y^e^ said John Whipple detained, & not delivered, Alledging y^e^ said order to be too short, it only being in y^e^ terme of y^e^ words [the towne Records]. Jt is therefore ordred by this presant meeting that m^r^ Joseph Jenks and Daniell Abbott shall within some few dayes repaire unto y^e^ said John whipple (late towne clark) & of y^e^ said John whipple aske demand & receive all & Every y^e^ records belonging to this towne of Providence, or any wayes unto them appertaining, both Bookes, papers, parchments, whether printed or written, with all manner of writeings, Emuni|ments| Estscripts, Deedes, Charters, Evidences, Roules, and loose papers whatso Ever any wayes Concerning y^e^ said towne, or to them any wayes belonging. And upon y^e^

recept of such Records, Bookes, parchments, papers, writeings, Emuniments, Estscripts, Deeds, Charters, Evidences, Roules, & loose papers any wayes concerning y^e^ towne, or to them belonging Jn y^e^ townes name, & on y^e^ townes behalfe, the said Joseph Jenkes & y^e^ said Daniell Abbott, The said John whipple to aquitt & discharge; And y^e^ said Records, Bookes & writeings all to deliver unto Thomas Olney y^e^ presant towne Clarke. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a Towne meeting Agust y^e^ 13^th^: 1683. /

Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner moderat^r^: /

Chosen for Deputyes to attend y^e^ Gennerall Asembly to be held at warwick y^e^ 20^th^: or 21^st^ of this instant Agust are Tho: Olney, nathaniell waterman, Joseph williams, & Edward Smith. And also y^e^ said persons are chosen Deputyes to serve at y^e^ Gennerall Asembly to be houlden at Providence y^e^ last wednesday in October next. /

John Sayles is chosen a Grand juryman to serve at a Court of tryalls to be houlden at Newport in September next. /

Silas Carpenter & Abraham man are chosen petty jury men to serve at y^e^ Court of tryalls to be holden at newport the first tusday in September next. /

The meeting is desolved. /

[**79**] At a towne meeting September y^e^ first 1683. /

Cap^t^: Arthur ffenner moderat^r^: /

The Gennerall Asemblyes Acts may y^e^ 2^nd^: 1683. was this day read. /

Whereas Thomas Olney was chosen by this towne to serve a Deputy to sitt in Gennerall Assembly at warwick holden y^e^

20th, or 21st of Agust last past. / And ye said Assembly being Adjorned to the house of Capt: John ffoanes in Kingstowne, And from thence to newport to sitt at ye house of Willian maze ye 10th of this instant. And whereas Thomas Olney is vissitted with sicknesse whereby he is disabled to serve as a deputye; Jt is therefore ordred yt another person be chosen in his roome to serve in this prsant Assembly. /

Leiftenant John Dexter is chosen a Deputye to sitt in ye Gennerall Asembly held by adjornment ye 10 of this Jnstant at newport on Rhode Jsland in ye Roome & stead of Thomas Olney. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a quarter Meeteing October ye 27th: 1683.

Mr Joseph Jenkes Moderatr:

Ordred, yt ye Gennerall Assemblyes acts at Warrwick Agust ye 20th: 1683: be publickly read in this meeting.

The aforsd Assemblyes acts have according to ye aforsd order benn publickly Read. /

The meeteing is desolved. /

At A Quarter Meeting Januarey ye 28th: 168¾:

Because ye 27th day of ye Month fell upon ye first day of ye weeke. Capt~: Arthur ffennr: Moderatr:

Jt is Granted by free voate of ye Towne that the Deede from Ezeikell Holliman to William Harris of a sale of his Pautuxett Right beareing date Januarey ye 29: 165i: be recorded in our Towne Booke. /

voated, that the returnes made by Thomas Olney sirveior of 60 acres of land & a share of meadow laid out unto John

Whipple sen^{r}: in his owne Right in y^{e} second devision be Recorded in our Towne booke. /

[**80**] voated that y^{e} Returne made by Arthur ffenner sirveior of Tenn Acrs of land laid out unto John Sheldon in y^{e} Right of William ffenner upon Exchange be Recorded in our Towne Booke.

voated that y^{e} Returne made by Samuell Bennett sirveior of foure score & fourteene acrs of land laid out unto John whipple jun^{r}: (Atturney unto Joshua verrin of Barbadas) in y^{e} Right of Joshua verrin, be recorded in o^{r} Towne Booke.

voated That y^{e} Returne made by William Hopkins sirveior of seventy acrs of land laid out unto John Whipple jun^{r}, (Atturney unto Joshua verrin of Barbadas) in y^{e} Right of Joshua verrin in y^{e} second devision be Recorded in our Towne Booke. /

The meeting is adjorned untill fryday y^{e} 8th: of ffebruarey next; Then y^{e} buissines of y^{e} Day to be about ordring for y^{e} layeing out of y^{e} landes beyond y^{e} 7 mile line. / And that the bills now depending are referred for answere further for a Convenient oppertunitye. /

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ffryday y^{e} 8th of ffebruarey 168$\frac{3}{4}$. The Towne came together according to adjornment, but Cap^{t}: ffenner who was moderat^{r}: not being there, No buissines went on. /

At A Towne meeting march y^{e} 4th: 168$\frac{3}{4}$.

Capt$^{~}$: Arthur ffenner Modderat^{r}:

To serve at y^{e} Gennerall Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the last Tuesday in this instant March. ffor a Grand jury man, is Samuell Whipple. ffor petty jury men, Eliazer Whipple, Joseph Woodward.

Chosen for Deputyes to serve at y^e^ Gennérall Assembly sitting at Newport y^e^ day before y^e^ Election on y^e^ first wednesday in may next Ensueing, And also to sit in Generall Assembly next at Newport, which will be the first Wednesday in May Next, are Stephen Arnold, John Whiple jun^r^: Henry Browne, & Epenetus Olney.

Whereas there is a bill put in by Tho: Harris concerning Repealing of y^e^ law made at a meeting by adjornment the 10^th^: of November 1682: concerning swine, The Bill is referred to y^e^ next quarter meeting for a detirmination; And y^e^ Execution of y^e^ said law to be suspended untill y^e^ said bill be answered.

Ordred that the deede of Gift from John whipple sen^r^: unto his son David whipple, bearing date y^e^ 4^th^ of march 168¾. be Enroled in our Towne booke

The meeting is desolved

[**81**] At a Towne Meeting March y^e^ 17^th^: 168¾

Capt~: Arthur ffenner Modderator.

Whereas there was a draught formerly Made for y^e^ devideing of y^e^ landes on y^e^ west side of y^e^ 7 mile line; But for as much as the said draught appeares to be so imperfect that Each mans Turne Cannot thereby be knowne, by reason that severall names are wanting: by which it Cannot appeare that Ever they had any draught; As also some named more then once, as though they had two draughts, & some twice numbred; by all which Each Mans Turne Cannot be knowne. Jt is therefore ordred, & voated, that the said draught shall be, and by this presant act is made wholy voyd & Null; And that a new draught shall be made. /

Whereas there hath benn long adjetation concerning the

devideing of y^e^ lands within our Towneship on y^e^ west side of y^e^ 7 mile line; And whereas there is an order formerly made by y^e^ Towne that Each person in his Right should be accomedated with 150 acors of land on y^e^ west side of y^e^ said seven mile line; Jt is therefore ordred by voate of y^e^ Towne that on y^e^ west side of y^e^ said seven mile line there shall be in part of y^e^ said 150 acrs of land; laid out in way of a villiage, or villiages forty acrs of land to Each Right, unto so many as are willing to take so much up in part of theire Right; & to be laid out at & about Moswassacut, & Chapompamiskuck, & to be spee|de|ly settled. /

A Draught hath this day benn made for devission of y^e^ lands on y^e^ west side of y^e^ seven mile line.

The list of y^e^ said draught shall be placed in y^e^ old booke w^ch^ formerly had brasse Claspes: because other lists are there placed. / The meeting is Ended.

At a Towne meeteing Aprill y^e^ 28^th^: 1684: being a quarter meeteing, the 27^th^: day of y^e^ month falling upon y^e^ first day of y^e^ weeke. Thomas Olney moderator

whereas there hath benn a bill preferred to y^e^ Towne for stateing a Comon high way, or Roade, over Pautucket River both for Cart, drift, horse, & foote; Jt is therefore ordred that y^e^ way ouer Pautuckett River shall be & remaine at y^e^ ancient & Comon Road at y^e^ End of y^e^ Hill on y^e^ westerne part of John Scot his planting land, or field; the which leadeth to y^e^ plaine on Rehoboth side of y^e^ River called y^e^ westerne plaine.

Ordred that Thomas Olney doe on y^e^ Townes behalfe devide the meadowes called Matetakonitt Meadowes & y^e^ peeces of meaddow which belong unto Edward Jnman & his partners

lieing betweene the said matetakonit meadow & y^e^ Tract of land which Edward Jnman & partners Received from y^e^ Towne, the said meadowes to devide from y^e^ Townes Comon.

The law about swine made y^e^ 10^th^ of November 1682 hath this day benn in adjetation; but nothing is detirmined about it. The meeting is desolved. /

[82] At a Towne Meeteing june y^e^ 2^nd^: 1684: it being the first munday of y^e^ said month,

Cap^t^ ~: Arthur ffenner Moderator. Jt being the day of Election of Towne officers.

The Returne made by Thomas Olney sirveior, of y^e^ meadow called Mattetakonitt Meadow & y^e^ other peeces of meadow belonging to Edward Jnman & his partners which were y^e^ last weeke of May 1684: devided from y^e^ Townes Comon by y^e^ said Thomas Olney, The said devision & y^e^ draught thereof which was this day presented by y^e^ said Thomas Olney to y^e^ Townes vew, are by y^e^ Towne accepted & allowed.

The Returne made by Thomas Olney, sirveior, of sixty acrs of land; & | also | other meadow & swampy land, the which Meadow & swampye land was in lew of a share of Meaddow, laid out in y^e^ second devision unto Benjamin Hearnton (jun^r^) in y^e^ Right of his ffather Benjamin Hearnton, sen^r^:), layd out in the last weeke in May last, is by y^e^ Towne accepted and allowed

The Returne Made by Thomas Olney sirveio^r^ of seven acrs of land laid out May y^e^ 26^th^: 1684: unto Joseph Hearnton, in y^e^ second devision, is by y^e^ Towne accepted & allowed. /

This day the Councill have given up theire account of theire acting about y^e^ Estate of John Smith (deceased) who dyed

y^e 16^th of May 1683: dieing intested; And Certaine Goods of y^e said Estate being yet left which have benn tendred to y^e Creaditors of the said John Smith, but refused to be taken for debt, Therefore that y^e Towne may order about y^e said goods & to take Care for y^e ffinishing as concerning y^e said Estate. The Towne doe order that y^e Councill which shall be next setled shall take all y^e matters Concerning the said Estate yet remaineing unfinished into theire handes & Endeavour to finish y^e same. /

Thomas Olney chosen Towne Clarke & Engaged

Thomas Patey, Daniell Williams, & John Prey are Chosen Cunstables; Tho: Patey, & John Prey, are Engaged.

Capt ~ : ffenner & Thomas Olney are chosen sirveiors for the layeing out of y^e land Throughout y^e plantation. /

Samuell Cumstock chosen serjant & Engaged: /

John [**83**] John Browne & Daniell Abbott are chosen sirveiors for high wayes.

Henry Browne chosen Treasurer.

The Meeteing is Adjorned unto Tuesday y^e 17^th. instant

Tuesday y^e 17^th: of June 1684; by adjornm^t: from the 2^nd instant, the Towne is againe met Capt ~ : ffenner Continues Moderat^r: /

Voated That y^e deede of Gift from John Whipple sen^r: to Eliezer Whipple his son beareing date ffebruarey y^e 24^th: 1674, may be Entred upon y^e Towne Records.

Voated The returne of Samuell Whipples 4 acres of Land laid out in y^e Neck, Returned under y^e hand of William Hopkins sirveior be recorded. /

Whereas Daniell Williams was by y^e free Voate of y^e freemen of this Towne of Providence chosen unto y^e office of a

Cunstable for this Ensueing yeare: But for as much as the saide Daniell Williams is unfree to Engage unto y^e^ said office, And William Haukins junior) proposeing to y^e^ Towne; & offering of himselfe to serve a Cunstable this presant yeare in y^e^ Roome of y^e^ said Daniell Williams, provided that y^e^ said Daniell Williams his fine may be remitted /

The Towne doe therefore accept of y^e^ said Willia|m| Haukins, & have made choyce of him for a Cunst[ ]ble for this presant yeare in y^e^ Roome of y^e^ said Daniell Williams, And y^e^ said Daniell Williams his fine is Remitted.

William Haukins jun^r^: hath Engaged to y^e^ office of a Cunstable for this Ensueing yeare in the Roome of Daniell williams.

Thomas Olney, Thomas Arnold, Edward Smith, Joseph Williams, Thomas Harris jun^r^:, Eliazer Arnold are Chosen upon y^e^ Councill & Engaged: /

Jt is by voate of y^e^ Towne granted unto y^e^ Heire of y^e^ deceased John Smith (Alias Jameco John) That what land is yet within this towne of Providence unlaid out, which belonged unto his said predecessors Right, may be laid out unto him: But in Case it doe within one yeare & a day after y^e^ date hereof appeare that y^e^ said Right be sold unto any other person, then shall the said Heire, Relinquish y^e^ said Right of landes so laid out unto him. /

The meeting is desolved. /

[**84**] At a Towne meeting Agust the 21: 1684: Thomas Olney Moderator.

Chosen for jury men to serve at y^e^ Court of tryalls to be held at Newport the first Tuesday in september next are for Grand jury man Nathaniell Mawrey.

ffor petty jury men Jonathan Sprauge, Zachary ffield.

Chosen Deputyes to serve at y^e^ Gennerall Assembly to be held at warwick the last Tuesday in october next are John Whipple jun^r^: Joseph Williams, Thomas Arnold John Dexter. /

Ordred That Thomas Olney doe in sum Convenient time state y^e^ Highway from the head of the lane Called Dexters lane & so through the great swampe from y^e^ said lane to runn at the place called y^e^ first opening.

Whereas There is a Gennerall Order that a paire of stocks should be in our Towne, but y^e^ Towne at presant being destitute, Samuell Whipple hath proposed to the Towne that in Case they will satisfye him he will he will procure a planke & a payre of blocks to set y^e^ stocks upon, & to bring them into y^e^ place called Dexters lane against Epenetus olney his dwelling house by y^e^ first of October Next. The Towne doe accept of his proposition, & doe Engage to satisfie him to his content, in Reason for y^e^ same.

Whereas there is 5^s^ due unto y^e^ towne from John Dexter, the towne & John Dexter hath agreed that John Dexter is to make up & finish the said stocks speedely after y^e^ planks are by Samuell Whipple brought to place in doeing which the said John Dexter shall be discharged of y^e^ said five shillings.

Ordred that Thomas Olney Towne Clarke doe on y^e^ towns behalfe send some lines unto the Towne of Rehoboth to informe them that the towne have stated a Countrey highway unto Pautuckett River at the End of the hill a little above where Blaxtons house [**85**] formerly stood. A Coppye is as followeth,

Gentlemen,

Our Towne haveing taken into Consideration y^e^ Necessitye

of a Roadeway through the Countrey for Travellers to passe, have Errected & stated a way through our Towneshipp over Pautuckett River at y^e^ End of y^e^ hill on the westerne part of John Scot his planting ffield, a little up y^e^ streame from y^e^ place where m^r^ Blaxton his house formerly stood, at y^e^ ancient Roade way the which leadeth to y^e^ plaine on your side of y^e^ River called y^e^ westerne Plaine, we thought good to signifie so much unto you that you on your side may doe y^e^ like by which his Majestyes subjects may have free Recourse with out let or Molestation.

Agust y^e^ 21: 1684. By y^e^ Towne of Providence

Tho: Olney Towne Clarke. /

To y^e^ Towne of Rehoboth these

To William Carpenter Towne Clarke to be Comunicated as above Exprest. /

The meeting is Ended.

At a Towne meeting Septemb^r^: y^e^ 15^th^: 1684:

Capt^n^. Arthur ffenner chosen Moderat^r^:

Jn this towne Meeteing y^e^ Gennerall Assemblyes acts of May y^e^ 6^th^: 1684. As also y^e^ Assemblyes acts at the Election May y^e^ 7^th^: 1684 were publickly read in said Towne meeteing.

Voated Whereas y^e^ Genn^rl^: Assemblyes acts of may y^e^ 7^th^: 1684 were read as abovesd & y^e^ Towne finding some omission, or neglect; there being y^e^ Names of two Called Assistants & therein not said to be Engage[ ] The towne doe not see cause to put them into the Clarks office, but returne them to Capt^n^ ffenner to be comunicated to y^e^ Next Genneral Asembly to see the compleating of them, or theire [**86**] theire approbation of y^e^ said omission or neglect

Voated That y^e returne of land laid out by Capt^n : ffenner to James Belloo in the yeare 1684 be recorded in our Record. As also the returne of land laid out by Capt^n : ffenner to John Sheldon in the yeare 1684 be recorded in our Records. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At A Towne Meeting October the 27^th : 1684 being y^e Towns quarter day Jo^n : Whipple jun^r : Modderat^r :

Voated That the returne of land laid out in the Right of Richard Scot (deceased) being seventy acrs the full of y^e said Richard Scot his Right of land & Meaddow in the second devision, or fifty acre devision be recorded in our Towne Records

Voated That y^e Bill put in by Thomas Harris, And the Bill put in by Thomas Patey, (both which are relateing to Samuell Winsor) be referred to y^e next meeting, (the said Winsor not being presant,) & then to be first adjetated ; And that the serjand doe warne the said Winsor to be presant at y^e next meeting to answere to sd Bills; the which if he be not then the Towne will proceede to settle the matters in said Bill Contained. /

The Meeteing is desolved. /

At A Towne meeting December y^e 15^th : 1684 :

Thomas Olney Moderat^r :

The Gennerall Assemblyes acts of october y^e 29^th : 1684 hath benn this day publickly Read.

Whereas by y^e Gennerall Assembly held at Warwick for this Colloney y^e 29^th of October last a Rate was assessed upon y^e Colloney to y^e sum of 160^lb in or as money. The Towne of

Providence theire [**87**] part of y^e^ said Rate being by order of y^e^ said Assembly 22^lb^: 10^s^: Jt is ordred that y^e^ said Rate be forthwith levied upon y^e^ inhabetants of this Towne.

Voated That a Comittee be chosen to Consider what lands may be deemed Rateable.

The men Chosen for said Comittee, are Capt~: Hopkins, Nathaniell Waterman, Joseph Williams & Thomas Harris jun^r^:

The Returne of y^e^ said Comittee is, That as to lands theire opinions are, That all Meadowes & Orchards, & all other improoved lands what so Ever it is y^t^ is inclosed, is Rateable;

And as for Catteli, That all sorts of Cattell upward of a yeare old are Rateable./

The men who are chosen to levie y^e^ abovesd Rate are Tho: Olney Nathaniell Waterman, Tho: Arnold & Daniell Abbott.

The meeteing is adjorned unto Thirsday next the 18^th^: instant, about 9 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ Morning.

Thirsday y^e^ 18^th^: of December 1684: y^e^ Meeteing is againe in being, Tho: Olney Continues Modderat^r^:

Vpon Consideration, that upon y^e^ abovesd Rate of 22^lb^: 10^s^. some charges will be in leveing y^e^ same; & also otherwise in matters Concerning it. Jt is therefore ordred by the Towne at this presant meeteing that 50^s^: shall be added unto y^e^ said Rate to make it up 25^lb^: the which sd money shall be y^e^ Townes part of y^e^ said Rate.

Jt is ordred y^t^ y^e^ men who are chosen to levie y^e^ abovesaid Rate shall have 20^s^: allowed them for leveing the same. the which shall be ofsett unto Each man his part of y^e^ said 20^s^: in his part of y^e^ said Rate./

Jt is Ordred y^t^ y^e^ aforesaid Rate, y^e^ manner of y^e^ levieing

y^e^ same is by y^e^ Towne left unto y^e^ descression of y^e^ aforesd men who are chosen to levie it. / And it is further Ordred y^t^ in Case any of y^e^ said Men who are chosen to levie y^e^ said Rate doe fayle of attending y^e^ Buissenesse at theire times which they appoynt to meete, then y^e^ major part Meeteing shall levie y^e^ said Rate; & those who are defective shall forfitt theire part of money unto those who attend y^e^ service.

And y^t^ there is liberty for Every person to give in a list of his whole Estate to any of y^e^ aforesaid men chosen to levie y^e^ said Rate. /

Voated, That y^e^ Returne of two acrs & a halfe of land, it being one halfe of a five acrs laid out by William [**88**] Hopkins (sirveior) unto William Hopkins, John Whipple jun^r^,) & John Smith, Miller) be Recorded. /

Vpon y^e^ Bills put in by Thomas Harris & Tho: Patey y^e^ last quarter day, concerning lands which Samuell Winsor hath taken up of y^e^ Townes Comon; y^e^ said Bills are Referred to y^e^ Next quarter day; & then to be y^e^ first adjetated. /

The meeteing is Desolved. /

At a Towne meeting Januarey y^e^ i^st^: 1684:

Tho: Olney Modderat^r^:

Whereas there is a Rate levied upon y^e^ inhabetants of this Towne of Providence of 25^lb^: 22^lb^: 10^s^ thereof being assessed by y^e^ Gennerall Assembly October y^e^ 29^th^ 1684: The other being y^e^ Towns part; Jt is ordred that y^e^ said Rate be by y^e^ said inhabetants payd in unto John whipple jun^r^: or to his Order by Each inhabetant his part, and the said John whipple to render an account to y^e^ Towne of what he receives or ordreth others to receive, & what & how he desposeth y^e^ same,

And y^t y^e said John whipple to be allowed by y^e Towne Reasonable satisfaction for y^e same; & y^e said John whipple to give Each inhabetant a discharge upon y^e paym^t: of his part: John whipple jun^r. accepteth thereof, to doe his best indeavour in y^e Matter.

Ordred that y^e Towne Clarke doe write a Coppye of y^e list of y^e Rate & deliver it to John whipple jun^r: and y^e said Towne Clarke to be payd for y^e same: i^s: 6^d by y^e said John whipple out of y^e said Rate. /

The meeting is desolved.

At a towne meeteing Januarey y^e 27^th: 1684

Cap^t: ~ Arthur ffenner modderat^r:

A deede from Andrew Harris to Thomas ffenner dated Agust y^e 28: 1680: is voated to be recorded

Voated, that y^e bills depending & not yet Jshued are Referred unto y^e next meeteing.

The meeting is desolved.

[**89**] At a Towne meeteing march y^e 20^th: 168$\frac{4}{5}$

Tho: Olney Modderat^r:

Chosen a Grand jurey man to serve at y^e Court of tryalls to be held at Newport the last tuesday of this instant, is Pardon Tillinghast,

ffor Petty jury men Daniell Williams, Benjami[ ] Hearnton sen^r:

Deputyes chosen to attend y^e Genn^rl: Assembly to be held y^e day before y^e first Wednesday in may next & to serve at y^e Gennerall Assembly of Election to be held y^e said first wednesday are Stephen Arnold, Thomas ffield, Vallentine whittman Thomas Harris jun^r:

Jt is Granted by voate unto John Belloo that he may, change that lott lieing in y^e^ new fields in y^e^ Neck which formerly belonged unto his deceased father Matureene Belloo:

Voated that 3 men be chosen by y^e^ towne, & on y^e^ townes behalfe to auditt an account with Cap^t^ : ffenn^r^: Cap^t^: Hopkins, Serjant Comstock & others in y^e^ said account Concerned as concerning a 27^lb^: rate which was some yeares since levied upon our towne, & y^e^ townes part thereof to receive into theire handes & make theire returne thereof unto y^e^ town|e|, And to take a discharge of y^e^ Collonies theereof from Cap^t^: ffenner: The men chosen for y^e^ aforesaid imploy are Nathaniell Waterman, Thomas ffield, & Samuell Whipple. /

the meeting is desolved,

At A Towne meeteing Aprill y^e^ 27^th^: 1685: being the quarter day, Tho: Olney Modderat^r^:

the admitance of y^e^ returne of land laid out in y^e^ Right of mr Clarke.

The Returne of seventy acres of land layd out the 13^th^ of Aprill 1685: in the Right of m^r^ John Clarke, in the second devision by Thomas Olney sirveior, is this day allowed, & ordred to be recorded.

[**90**] Jt is granted unto Edward Jnman that he may change 87 acres of land which lieth in Loquassqussick woodes which formerly he tooke up in his towne Right. But for as much as y^e^ sirveior is not at presant at liberty to lay out y^e^ said land by reason it is y^e^ season of y^e^ yeare for planting;

Jt is therefore Ordred that no person shall take up y^e^ land which y^e^ said Jnman hath pitched upon to take up in lue of that which he layd downe, but it shall remaine for y^e^ sd Jnman untill y^e^ sirveior hath oppertunitye Conveniently to bound it out unto him, provided it be done within one months time. /

Voated Whereas James Belloo hath desired of y^e^ Towne to have repairation for a peece of land which a high way cutts of in y^t^ land whereon he dwelleth in Loquasqussick woodes, Jt is Granted that y^e^ said James Belloo shall have satisfaction in land for what damage y^e^ highway doth to him. /

Haerrenden's Lane to be continued to Swan Point

Ordred that a highway shall be & Remaine from the Lane called Hearntons lane Eastward through the place called the second opening in y^e^ great swampe & so to y^e^ salt water about y^e^ poynt called Swann poynt

Whereas there is a person belonging to y^e^ towne of Mendon, John Daily by Name who is Endeavouring to make himselfe an Jnhabetant in our towne by setling him selfe & his familye within our towneship, by procureing some small percell of land therein

The towne takeing into Consideration that the said John Daily is an inhabetant of an other towne & Colloney; & not seeing how he cann here settle himselfe & familye but that he may be chargeable to y^e^ Towne, which in Case such be his Condition, it belongs to the towne of Mendon to take care for his supply The, towne doe therefore declare that they are not free that the said John Daily shall bring himselfe & familye within our towneshipp to reside or make setlement but doe fully declare themselves to y^e^ Contrarey: /

The meeteing is Desolved. /

[91] Whereas the towne of Providence hath received an order from theire Governor & Councill beareing date the 24^th^ day of Aprill 1685: informing that theire said Governor hath received a letter from y^e^ Honnorable Lords of y^e^ prive

Councill beareing date White Hall the sixt day of ffebruarey 168$\frac{4}{5}$: Jnforming of y^{e} decease of our late dread Sovereigne King Charles the second, And the Proclaimation of his Royall Highnesse James Duke of Yorke & Albaney his said Majestyes Only Brother, Our only lawfull Lineall & Rightfull Liege Lord James the second By the Grace of God King of England Scotland ffrance & Jreland Defendor of the faith &^{c}: Jn said letter also requireing the said Proclaimation to be made & Sollemnized in this his Majestyes Colloney of Rhode Jsland & Providence Plantation: Jn which said Order the said Governor & Councill ordred y^{e} same Proclaimation to be made at y^{e} towne of Providence on ffriday the first of May ffollowing, & Read by such person as should by y^{e} Assistants in said Towne be appoynted.

Jn obedience whereunto the Assistants of said towne appoynted the towne Clarke open & publikely to Reade the said Proclaimation in the head of the Traine band in three Publike places of the Towne. The which was duely attended unto, & Solemly performed upon ffriday the first day of May 1685: in the head of the Traine band, there together in millitery Order, & in presence of y^{e} Assistants & principle inhabetants of said Towne.

At A Towne Meeteing of Election June, y^{e} first day 1685: it being the first Munday of y^{e} Month; Thomas Olney Moderat^{r}:

Thomas Olney chosen Towne Clarke.
william Haukins Cunstable.
John Sayles Cunstable.
Eliezer whipple Cunstable.
John wilkinson Serjant.

} Engaged

To add to y^e majestrates to make up y^e towne Councill. are Thomas Olney, Edward Smith, Joseph Williams, Thomas Harris jun^r: Thomas Arnold, & Eliezer Arnold, all Engaged. /

Arthur ffenner & Thomas Olney chosen sirveiors for layeing out of land Through out y^e plantation both on the East & west sides of the seven mile line

Nathaniell waterman & John Dexter are chosen sirveiors for to see to y^e Repaireing of y^e Highwayes. /

Henry Browne chosen Treasurer, (not yet Engaged)

Jt is granted unto Benjamin Hearnton senior that he may change 25 acres of land lieing by the place Called Robbins Runn

[**92**] The returne of 87 acres of land by Thomas Olney sirvei^r: layd out to Edward Jnman is accepted & Allowed.

The returne of about one acre & a quarter of land laid out in y^e neck unto Thomas Patey by Thomas Olney sirvei^r: to make y^e said Thomas Patey satisfaction for a foote way through his land, is by y^e Towne accepted & allowed. /

The meeteing is adjorned unto munday y^e 8^th instant about 10 of y^e Clock.

Munday y^e 8^th of June 1685 the meeteing is againe in being; Tho: Olney Continues Moderat^r:

Jt is voated & ordred that Eliezer whipple Cunstable shall forthwith demand of Henry Estins the sum of 20^s for his defect Refuseing & not serveing towne serjant when y^e Towne chose him, & upon payment thereof the same to receive; And in case of non paym^t: thereof, or Refusall of y^e same then for y^e Cunstable to make | Report thereof | to y^e majestrats, or any one of them; and then by a warrant from y^e majestrats or

any one of them to distraine y^e^ said 20^s^: And upon y^e^ Recept or distraint thereof to returne y^e^ said 20^s^ to y^e^ towne. The which said 20^s^ shall be in money or Equivolent thereunto. /

Ordred That a list of y^e^ names of all y^e^ freemen of this towne be by y^e^ Clarke drawne up & delivered unto John wilkenson towne serjant for his use dureing his yeares service, & at y^e^ End of his yeare to deliver it unto y^e^ next towne serjant, The meeting is desolved

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At a Towne meeteing July y^e^ 27^th^: 1685. being y^e^ Townes quarter day, Cap^t^ ~: Arthur ffenner Modderat^r^:

Jt is granted unto william Haukins jun^r^: upon his request that he may Exchange about 3 acres of land with y^e^ towne, the which he bought of Shadrach Manton which is lieing upon y^e^ Brooke which runneth into y^e^ west River, on y^e^ west side of y^e^ River, & betweene y^e^ west River & the hill Called y^e^ Hurtleberry Hill, & to take it up in some other place; upon the grant y^e^ said land is laid downe againe to Comon. /

Whereas there is twenty shillings in boards belonging to y^e^ Towne which are at m^r^ Jenkes his mill, The Towne doe desire & order m^r^ Jenkes to take Care of y^e^ said boards that they come not to damage, & to send to m^r^ John Sanford [**93**] Recorder to know of him whether he be willing to take them in lue of 20^s^: & in Case he be free so to doe then for y^e^ said m^r^ Jenkes to deliver y^e^ said boardes & of y^e^ said m^r^ Sanford to take a Receit on y^e^ townes behalfe; & of his proceeds in y^e^ matter to make Report to y^e^ Towne. /

Whereas Benjamin Hearnton Sen^r^: hath inclosed a peece of land at y^e^ West End of his home lotts by his now dwelling house, the which inclosure is greately detrementall to people;

Obstructing theire Convenient passage in y^e^ Highway; And whereas the said Benjamin Hearnton Alledgeth that there was two acres of land wanting of measure in his said house Lotts & therefore he tooke in y^e^ same: But upon a Returne of landes to y^e^ towne made this day by Thomas Olney (sirveior) it appeareth that there is two acres of land laid out unto y^e^ said Hearnton abroad in y^e^ woods adjoyneing to his other landes there, to make up what he saith was wanting of his house lotts; Jt is therefore ordred by y^e^ towne that y^e^ said Benjamin Hearnton shall forthwith; with what Convenient speede may be Remoove away his said fence & lay y^e^ said inclosed peece of land open againe to y^e^ Comon: But whereas the said Benjamin Hearnton Requesteth of y^e^ towne that he might not be put upon it to set his fence just in y^e^ Range where formerly it stood, but that he might have a little matter of Allowance for Conveniency of setting of his said fence; Jt is therefore Ordred, That Thomas Olney shall state y^e^ place, & appoynt what allowance of land the said Hearnto[ ] shall there have. /

The meeteing is desolved. /

At a Towne meeteing Agust y^e^ 24^th^: 1685 Capt~: Arthur ffenner Modderat^r^:

Chosen to attend y^e^ Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport for y^e^ Colloney y^e^ first tuesday in september next, for a Grand jurey man Gregorey dexter.

ffor Petty jurey men William Vinsent, Benjamin Carpenter; ffor Deputyes to sit in Gennerall Assembly [**94**] Assembly to be held at Providence y^e^ last wednesday in October next are Thomas Harris sen^r^: Thomas Olney, Nathaniell waterman Thomas ffield. /

ffor as much as there have benn severall Rates formerly levied upon this towne of Providence, a part whereof being gathered & is a part there of belonging to y^e^ towne, And whereas the towne is indebted to m^r^ John Sanford Recorder

Jt is therefore ordred y^t^ the towns part of what of y^e^ said Rates is already gathered shall be disposed of to y^e^ discharge-ing of y^e^ said m^r^ Sanford. /

Whereas Samuell Winsor of this Towne of Providence hath taken up Certaine landes under the pretence of Exchange of some lands lieing in y^e^ Neck; which belongeth to the Heire of y^e^ Deceased Resolved Waterman; And also hath taken up Certaine lands in lue of a share of meaddow, as he pretends in the Right of Mathew Weston; But whereas it appeares that Mathew Weston had no Right to a share of Meadow; Nor the said winsor any Right to any meadow from y^e^ said weston, nor the said winsor any Right to y^e^ said land belonging to y^e^ Heire of y^e^ said deceased Resolved waterman; Jt is therefore Ordred that Each purchasser in this towne of Providence (Samuel winsor only Excepted) shall to his purchase Right have layd out to him so much land as the sayd Samuell Win-sor hath taken up upon y^e^ pretence of Exchange of y^e^ said deceased Resolved Watermans sayd land lieing in the neck, & what he hath taken up upon the account of y^e^ share of meadow pretended to mathew Weston; the which in all appeaeth to be six acres & a halfe beareing measure by the Eighteene foote pole; And that Each five & twenty acre man shall have layd out unto them proportionable according to theire Right of Comoning, The which sayd land may be taken up by Each person for [**95**] theire Conveniencey upon y^e^ Comon Either in the Neck or Elcewhere; But the towne doe hereby forbid

any sirveior, or any other person whatso Ever to lay out any lands upon y^e^ said devision unto y^e^ said Samuell Winsor because he hath already taken it up, & this devision to other persons is to make them Equall with him. /

The meeteing is Ended. /

At a quarter meeteing October y^e^ 27^th^: 1685: Thomas Olney Moderator,

Jt is granted unto Vall: Whittman that hee may change his house lott lieing in y^e^ Neck: & take it up Elcewhere.

The meeteing is adjorned untill y^e^ 3^d^ of November next about nine of y^e^ Clock. /

November y^e^ 3^d^: 1685: the meeteing is againe in being, Tho: Olney Continues Moderat^r^:

Whereas there is this day a returne made by Tho: olney sirveior of landes layd out to Vallentine whittmam wherein is contained: a house lott upon Exchange, which some say y^e^ | sd | house lott, part thereof is already desposed of by y^e^ sayd Valentine whittman, therefore y^e^ towne doe order that y^e^ Recording of y^e^ sayd Returne be suspended untill y^e^ sayd Valentine whittman doe cleare y^e^ matter. /

Whereas Benedict Arnold & Josiah Arnold his Brother hath some time since proposed to y^e^ towne conserning some land within our towneshipp which they pretend theire ffather m^r^: Benedict Arnold purchased. The towne haveing Considred y^e^ Matter doe not find that y^e^ sayd persons have any intrest in, or Right unto any lands within our towneshipp by vertue of what they pretend, but are satisfied to y^e^ Contrarey, Therefore see not Cause to yeeld any possession to them or Either of them.

The bills which are this day presented are referred unto the next meeteing if with Conveniencye may be Jsshued or as soone as Conveniently may be. /

Vpon Consideration of something as Tho : Harris senior this day proposed to y^e^ towne Concerning Anne Harris, The meeteing is adjorned untill y^e^ 9^th^ of this instant november,

[96] November y^e^ 9^th^ : 1685 : The meeteing is againe in being; Thomas Olney Continues Moderator. /

Thomas Baker haveing this day proposed to the towne that he might have theire Consent to reside amongst them, & in our towne to make his being Either by buyeing or hireing.

Jt is voated by y^e^ towne & granted to him that he may.

The meeteing is adjorned unto the 18^th^ of this Jnstant November :

November y^e^ 18^th^ : 1685. The meeting is againe in being, Thomas Olney Continues Moderator. /

whereas there is a debt due from y^e^ towne to m^r^ John Sanford Recorder & y^e^ towne being willing to discharge y^e^ same, the sayd m^r^ Sanford haveing this day demanded y^e^ sayd debt. And whereas there is a part of a rate of 27^lb^ gathered & in y^e^ hands of Samuell Comstock the which was made y^e^ 1^st^ of July 1679.

Jt is ordred that y^e^ sayd Samuell Comstock shall deliver up to y^e^ towne this day 10^s^ of y^e^ sayd Rate the which sayd 10^s^ shall be to defray y^e^ sayd debt to m^r^ Sanford.

The towne hath Received y^e^ sayd 10^s^ of y^e^ sd Samuell Comstock, the which is delivered to y^e^ sayd towne in money.

The towne hath this day discharged unto m^r^ John Sanford Recorder & payd him all the debts from y^e^ towne unto him at

this day due, And hath taken a full discharge of him for The same. The which sayd debt was 30^{s}:

The towne have ordred william Haukins jun^{r}: to fetch y^{e} townes boards from m^{r} Jenckes his mill & deliver them at the water side neere to y^{e} now dwelling of Pardon Tillinghast (m^{r} Sanford haveing ordred y^{e} sayd Pardon Tillinghast to take Care of y^{e} same.) & that y^{e} towne is to pay william Haukins for his paynes; & that y^{e} sayd william Haukins shall performe it within seven or Eight dayes.

The meeteing is adjorned unto the second day of December next about 10 of y^{e} Clock. /

Before the meeting was adjorned Jt [**97**] Jt was Granted unto Valentine whittman that the Returne of his lands made by Tho: Olney sirveior the 3^{d} of November, this instant, & the ordred of suspending y^{e} Recording thereof; the sayd returne is now voate to be Recorded, & y^{e} sayd two acres of land which was | said to be | taken up by y^{e} sayd whittman more then his due shall be abated out of y^{e} sayd whittman his land in his nex devision

The meeting is Now adjorned unto y^{e} second day of December next about 10: of y^{e} Clock. /

December y^{e} second day 1685: the meeteing is againe in being, Thomas Olney Continues Moderator.

An Order for perpetuall Continuing of Comon neere the Towne

Whereas it doth by our Records appeare, That by an order made ffebruarey y^{e} 7th: 1658 there was stated perpetually to lye & be in Comon all those lands on y^{e} west side of Moshausick River; which lye betweene y^{e} west River & | wanasquatuckett | River reaching so farr westward as y^{e} westerne End of y^{e} Meaddow called John ffields Meaddow lieing upon small brooke; & from thence to runn to y^{e}

south Easterne Cornner bound of Thomas Olney senior his land being neere Richard Prey his Meaddow which lieth betweene smal brooke & y^e^ south westerne part of y^e^ hurtelberry hill; & from y^e^ sayd south Easterne Cornner bound of y^e^ sayd Thomas Olney his land to runn northward to y^e^ Easterne side of a little swampe lieing on y^e^ westerne side of y^e^ northerne End of y^e^ sayd hurtleberry hill, & so still to range northward home to y^e^ west River; As also all y^e^ playne called John ffields playne & so southward home to y^e^ River called wanasquatuckett River; The which sayd Order, by reason of Damage which our towne Records sustained in y^e^ late Jndian warrs is miscarried. And whereas there is a Necessitye of som[ ] landes perpetually to be, & lye in Comon neere unto our towne for y^e^ use & bennefitt of the Jnhabetants, Jt is therefore Ordred & Enacted by this presant meeteing, That all & Every part of those lands which at this day is in Comon lieing on the west side [**98**] of Moshausick River, & betweene y^e^ west River & wanasquatuckett River reaching so farr westward as y^e^ south Easterne Corner bound of Thomas Olney his farme, which is comonly knowne by y^e^ name of Wanskuck farme, the which sayd Corner bound standeth a little westward from the aforesayd peece of Meaddow belonging to Richard Prey; And from y^e^ sayd Cornner bound to Range northward all along y^e^ Easterne side of y^e^ sayd farme as it hath benn lately bounded with land layd out upon y^e^ last fifty acre devision,) untill it Com so farr northward as y^e^ southward End of y^e^ aforenamed little swampe lieing on y^e^ west side of y^e^ Northerne End of y^e^ hurtleberry hill, & so to goe northward along y^e^ Easterne side of y^e^ sayd swampe in the Range as y^e^ sayd swampy land was layd out to

Joseph whipple, & from thence to Continue Rangeing Northward home to the west River. And from y^e^ aforesayd south Easterne Cornner bound of y^e^ sayd Thomas Olney his sayd farme to turne & Range southward unto y^e^ south Easterne Corner bound of y^e^ sayd Thomas Olney his Meaddow lieing upon small brooke, & from thence still to Continue rangeing | with a turne | westward to a white oake tree standing about y^e^ brow of y^e^ hill which ariseth of from John fields playne, the which sayd white oake tree is a bound of y^e^ southerne part of y^e^ sayd Thomas Olney his aforesayd farme; And from y^e^ sayd white oake tree to turne southward, & so range along the side of that hill which adjoyneth to y^e^ westerne part of John ffields playne (so called) & so southward home to wanasquatuckett River, shall for Ever be, & Remaine in Comon; And that it shall not by any person what so Ever, be at any time appropriated, taken up, or layd out; but shall be, & perpetualy remaine in Comon. And as for what land, or landes which at this [**99**] Presant day within y^e^ sayd tract doe belong to any person, if the sayd land, or landes, or any part thereof at any time shall be layd downe to Comon, it shall then continually so remaine as y^e^ aforesayd land is stated: And that this Order shall not be at any time Repealed without the full & unanimouse Consent of y^e^ whole number of y^e^ purchassers; any former order, or Clause therein to y^e^ Contrarey any wayes notwithstanding. /

Ordred, That Thomas Olney shall, so soone as Conveniently it may be, state a Comon highway from y^e^ west River at Dexters new meaddow (so called) up into the Countrey so farr as the Meaddow Called wanskuck meadow, & to be through the land of Samuell Comstock, & y^e^ landes of John Browne & for

what land is taken out of theire sayd landes for the sayd high way, to lay it out to them againe in some other place of y^e^ Comon, the which shall all be done at y^e^ townes charge; And also that y^e^ sayd Thomas Olney shall state a high way from y^e^ east End of the lane Called Hearnton[ ] lane through y^e^ great swampe at y^e^ place called the second opening & from thence to the salt water at or about swann poynt; & for his doeing y^e^ afore named worke he shall be payed by y^e^ towne three shillings per day in or as money; the which shall be abated out of the sayd Thomas Olney his part of y^e^ Rates which are already levied, & par thereof by some of y^e^ Neighbours already payd,

Granted unto Samuell Comstock that he may Exchange five acres of land which was layd out unto him in the neck betweene y^e^ great swampe & y^e^ land which formerly belonged to Phillipp Taber; The sayd land that is y^e^ sayd five acres is by y^e^ sayd Samuell Comstock layd downe. /

The meeteing is Ended. /

At a quarter meeteing Januarey y^e^ 27^th^: $168\frac{5}{6}$

Thomas Olney Moderat^r^:

Ordred that Thomas Olney as he is towne Clarke shal[ ] on y^e^ townes behalfe returne som lines in answere to m^r^ Peleg Sanford & m^r^ Calleb Carr to y^e^ demand of m^r^: Throckmortons Right, /

A Coppye is as followeth: /

[100] Providence, Januarey

Gentlemen y^e^ 27^th^: $168\frac{5}{6}$:

Yours of y^e^ 30^th^ : of November 1685: came to our hands

upon y^e 27^th^: instant Januarey; wee thought good to returne you this answere.

The Coppy of A letter to m^r Caleb Carr & m^r: Peleg Sanford

Whereas you are pleased to informe us That in y^e behalfe of m^r Brenton & m^r Briant you make Clayme to what Right of lands within our towneshipp belonged to m^r John Throckmorton; And that whensoever wee find it Convenient to order devisions wee should be mindfull of his part. /

As concerning m^r Brenton & m^r Briant wee are Jgnorant how they came to be invested with any Right of lands in Providence which belonged to m^r Throckmorton; wee yett find no Record nor other instrument which so informes; wee deny no man his just Right; But as for our being mindfull of his parts in our devisions, wee know not what he Claymes, or Cann make appeare to be his due. Every man which hath a Right in y^e lands of our towne ought theire to be to looke after it, Either by himselfe or by his Assigne. Jf the heirs or Assignes of m^r Throckmorton doe appeare, & at y^e times of our devisions take care as Others who have Right doe to gitt theire lands layd out, payeing the dutyes upon it, & makeing what they Clayme appeare to be theire Right: it may be performed to them as unto other. wee are now upon a devision. /

To m^r: Caleb Carr
& m^r Peleg Sanford
of Newport on Rhode
Jsland, to them, or
Either of them, these present. /

Gentlemen,
yours to serve you:
The purchassers of Providence
Tho: Olney Towne
Clarke. /

At A Towne meeteing March y^e 16^th^: 168$\frac{5}{6}$
Thomas Olney Moderat^r:

Chosen to attend y^e^ Gennerall Court of tryalls to be held at Newport for this Collony y^e^ last tusday in this instant, for Grand jury man Silas Carpent^r^ :

[**101**] ffor petty jurymen.

Chosen for Deputyes to attend y^e^ Gennerall Assembly of Election y^e^ i^st^ wednesday in may next ; & at the Assembly y^e^ day before, are Vallentine whittman, John whipple, Epenetus Olney, John Angell. /

Whereas there is one Thomas Waters by name who is come into our towne (haveing brought a woman with him) who is like to be troublesome to our towne, & in likelyhood Burthensome ; The towne haveing already declared theire dislike of his coming into y^e^ towne & y^e^ towne haveing this day sent for him, demanding securitye of him to save y^e^ towne indemnified from w^t^ charges at any tyme may accrew upon y^e^ towne through his meanes ; but hee haveing utterly Refused y^e^ same, & instead thereof Reflected upon y^e^ towne with app|ro|brious termes.

The towne do therefore order : & desire y^e^ towne Councill to take an Efectuall Course as law Requires to remoove y^e^ said Thomas Waters & y^e^ sayd woman & all his charge out of this towne.

The meeteing is Desolved. /

At A Quarter meeteing Aprill y^e^ 27^th^ : 1686

Capt ~ : Arthur ffenner Moderat^r^ : . /

Whereas Thomas Olney surveior hath this day Made Returne unto y^e^ towne of Certaine lands unto himselfe layd out in severall Rights to him belonging, & upon y^e^ townes late

devisions of fifty acres, & of six acres & a halfe | & other devisions | of land to Each purchase Right, the which was layd out adjoyneing to his land lieing about observation meadow & also adjoyneing to his farme Called wanskuck farme; The sayd Returnes are accepted, & allowed of by y^e^ towne, & y^e^ sayd lands therein Contained to stand Good to y^e^ sayd Thomas Olney to him his heirs & Assignes: for ever: /

Whereas one Joseph Washborne who Came out of y^e^ Towne of Bridgewater & desireing admittance to make residence with his familye amongst us in our towne, his Bill by y^e^ towne is Granted. /

[**102**] Whereas Thomas Baker desireth of y^e^ towne to detirmine whether George Palmer was Received in to y^e^ towne with a full Right of Comon, or no; for as much as nothing Cann as yett be found upon Record Concerning it: his bill is Referred unto y^e^ townes meeteing.

Jt is Granted unto Joseph Whipple that hee may have a peece of land to y^e^ value of forty foote square adjoyneing to y^e^ north side of his home land upon y^e^ Comon a little above his now dwelling house, leaveing a high way betweene Shadrach Mantons lott & it. /

The meeteing is desolved. /

Att A towne Meetein of Election June the 7^th^ : 1686: Jt being y^e^ first Munday of y^e^ Month Cap^t^ ~ : Arthur ffenner Moderator. /

Thomas Olney Chosen Towne Clarke & Engaged Epenetus Olney & Samuell Winsor Chosen Cunstables, & Engaged. /

Thomas Olney, Edward Smith, Joseph Williams, Nathaniell Waterman, Thomas Harris, Eliezer Arnold Chosen upon the Towne Councill, & Engaged.

Arthur ffenner, & Thomas Olney are Chosen sirveiors to lay out lands throughOut y^e^ whole Towneshipp. /

Henry Browne Chosen Treasurer, /

Nathaniell waterman & John Dexter are Chosen way wardens to see to y^e^ repaireing of y^e^ high wayes for this yeare. /

Jt is ordred that there shall this day be [**103**] two serjants Chosen for this towne, & so yearely for y^e^ future, & Each serjant to have halfe y^e^ wages agreed upon for serjants. /

Cosen for serjants for this yeare Zachariah ffield & John Jnman, Zachariah ffield Engaged,

John Angell is chosen a Cunstable for this yeare,

Whereas John Angell & John Jnman are not presant at y^e^ meeteing to give Engagem^t^: to theire respective offices, Jt is ordred that m^r^ Richard Arnold Assistant doe send for them before him & take of them Engagem^t^: unto theire sayd offices. /

The meeteing is desolved. /

At a quarter meeteing July y^e^ 27^th^: 1686:

Tho: Olney Moderat^r^:

whereas Joseph Aldridg hath this day preferred a bill to y^e^ towne that 20 acres of land might be layd out as soone as conveniently might be unto Thomas Olney in one of his Rights in y^e^ 60 acre devision agreed upon by y^e^ towne to be layd out unto Each purchasser betweene y^e^ 4 mile line & y^e^ seven mile line; his said Request is by the towne unanimously granted. /

Whereas Thomas Baker desired of the towne, the last quar-

ter day to be informed whether or no that George Palmer was Received into y^e^ towne with a full Right of Comon; The towne then adjetated y^e^ matter, & Referred y^e^ Resolve of y^e^ same to theire next meeteing; And haveing made inquiry after the buissiness; John Whipple who was long time towne Clarke before the indian warrs, (wherein our Records sustained damage) did, as hee was towne Clarke declare, that the said George Palmer was Received into y^e^ towne with a full Right of Comon, & that he had seene it so stand upon Record in our ancient towne Booke, & y^t^ hee had there Read it so. And further, Cap^t^ ~ : William Hopkins in this open towne meeteing did declare that he had often heard his ffather Thomas Hopkins say that George Palmer was accomedated [**104**] by y^e^ towne with a full Right of Comon.

And further y^e^ sd Capt ~ : Hopkins saith; That he hath heard John Smith, who some time was Towne Clarke before y^e^ Jndian Warrs) say, that George Palmer was accomedated by y^e^ towne with a full Right of Comon; Vpon which information the towne who are now together doe take it for Granted that so it is, & upon y^e^ said information doe, & have voated that y^e^ sayd George Palmer was accomedated with a full Right of Comon. /

The meeting is desolved. /

At a towne meeteing Agust y^e^ 2n^d^ 1686 Cap^t^: ffen^r^: moderat^r^:

Whereas there was a Rate of 30^lb^ : Ordred to be levied upon y^e^ inhabetants of this towne, at a towne meeting July y^e^ 27^th^: last; But upon further Consideration the towne doe order

that the sayd Rate be made Null & voyd, & it shall not be Entred in our towne booke upon Record

The meeting is desolved. /

At a towne meeting Agust y^e^ 23^d^: 1686.

Tho: Olney Moderator. /

Chosen to serve at y^e^ Gennerall Court of Trialls to be houlden at Newport for this Colloney; ffor Grand jury man Daniell Browne. ffor petty jury men Edward Manton James Belloo.

ffor Deputyes to sit in Gennerall Assembly the last Wednesday in October Next at warwick, are Tho: Olney, william Hopkins Eliezer Arnold, & John Dexter. /

The meeting is desolved

[**105**] At a towne meeting on y^e^ quarter day, January the 27^th^: 168$\frac{6}{7}$: Tho: Olney Moderat^r^:

Whereas Capt^n^: Hopkins hath prossecuted a bill formerly Exhibeted as concerning the devision of our lands on y^e^ west side of y^e^ seven mile line;

The towne doe order that this meeteing at the Conclusion of y^e^ day shall be adjorned unto the first munday in ffebruary next, the which will be y^e^ 7^th^ day of that month, & the busseness of y^e^ day shall be only about y^t^ sd matter of our sd lands, And that Care be taken that in y^e^ meanetime Every inhabetant in y^e^ towne therein Concerned may be warned & aquainted with y^e^ buissenes.

Whereas there was a certaine quantetye of Peauge at Eight per peny lent unto this towne formerly by Thomas Olney, sen^r^, (who is now deceased) the sum of Eight pounds yet

unpayd, And where as Thomas Olney his son & Exsecut^{r}: hath this day demanded the sayd Eight pounds of this towne, The towne doe order to refer the Consideration | of | the matter for a way to pay the sayd debt unto theire next meeteing after this meeteing is Ended. /

Whereas Stephen Arnold of Pautuxett hath desired of y^{e} towne to Exchange with them seventy acres of land which he bought of Edward Bennett & hath a deede of y^{e} same; the which land lieth about two miles westward from our towne & to take it up Elsewhere on y^{e} Comon on y^{e} East side of y^{e} seven mile line, The towne doe grant it with this proviso, That y^{e} sayd Exchange be Endorsed on y^{e} said deede, And also that y^{e} sayd Endorsment be added unto y^{e} Record of y^{e} sayd deede, but y^{e} sayd land not to be taken up-on any prohibeted place. /

Whereas George Keech hath desired of the towne to Exchange sixty acres of land lieing about five miles norwestward from our towne which he bought of William Hopkins & hath a deede for the same, The Exchange is Granted with this proviso, that the Exchange be Endorsed on the sd deede, & the sayd Endorsement be also aded to y^{e} Record of y^{e} sayd deede, But the sayd land shall not againe be taken up on any [**106**] any prohibeted place. /

Whereas Daniell Abbott hath this day preferred a bill of accounts unto this towne as to monyes by him demanded of y^{e} towne, his bill is Referred unto our next meeteing after y^{e} desolution of this meeting, then to be further Considered. /

The meeteing is Adjorned untill Munday y^{e} 7th. of ffebruary next. /

ffebruarey y^e^ 7^th^: 168$\frac{6}{7}$: the meeting is againe in being Tho: Olney Continues moderat^r^:

The meeting is adjorned to ffriday the 11^th^: Jnstant.

ffriday y^e^ 11^th^ of ffebruarey 168$\frac{6}{7}$ the meeting is againe in being Tho: Olney Continues Moderat^r^:

The meeteing is adjorned untill ffryday y^e^ 18^th^: instant. /

The meeteing is againe in being ffebruary y^e^ 18^th^: 168$\frac{6}{7}$: Tho: Olney Continues Moderat^r^: /

Whereas Our towne hath had the vow of a Proclaimation sett forth by his Exellency s^r^ Edmund Andros Knight Captaine Gennerall & Governor of his Majestyes Territory and Dominion of New England, Giveing Notice unto all persons makeing clayme to propriety of soyle in y^e^ Kings Province or Narragganset Countrey that he is Ready to Receive what may be offered, & hath appoynted thirsday the 24^th^: Jnstant for that purpose. And although our Towneshipp is not lieing within that part of the Countrey Called the Kings Province, yet least any person or persons, Through mistake, or otherwise should by Clayme intrench [**107**] upon our Plantation, The Towne doe therefore Order, appoynt & fully impower Thomas Olney of Our Towne to Repare unto Boston, and there to attend at y^e^ said time to vindecate our clayme & Title of our Plantation, or otherwise to informe his Exellency as to y^e^ premises; And therein to act & doe according as his understanding shall him direct; And whatsoever the sayd Thomas Olney shall doe in the sayd matter unto him Comitted, shall be good to all intents & purposes as the townes act. /

Ordred that all the charges as concerning y^e^ aforesayd matter of imployeing Thomas Olney to Boston & Relating thereunto, shall be Equally borne by Each inhabitant of this

towne, & Each other person intrested in land within our Towneshipp, according to Every one theire Right & proportion of land within y^e^ Towneshipp aforesaid.

The Meeting is Adjorned untill Thirsday y^e^ 10^th^: of March Next. /

Thirsday March y^e^ 10^th^: $168\frac{6}{7}$: the meeting is againe in being Tho: Olney Continues Moderator. /

Whereas there was Certaine moneys Contributed by severall persons inhabetants of our towne of Providence in order to Thomas Olney his being imployed into the Bay, or Boston on y^e^ townes buissiness, as was detirmined & ordred ffebruarey y^e^ 18^th^: last by y^e^ towne & the whole sum Contributed amounted to 4^lb^: i^s^: 6^d^: The sayd Thomas olney haveing this day given in his account to the towne that he hath according to theire Order binn at Boston about theire sayd Buissenes, & hath of the said mony, Expended in y^e^ said jorney 13^s^: 8^d^: There being yet Remaineing 3^lb^: 7^s^: 10^d^: The towne doe Order That the said Thomas Olney for his said jorney to Boston & his paynes therein & preparation of y^e^ bissines & matters for the same & for his horse, | jorny | shall have out of the said 3^lb^: 7^s^: 10^d^: the sum of 2^lb^: 13^s^: 4^d^: And what of the said mony shall then be remaineing after y^e^ said Thomas Olney is so discharged, shall Remaine in the hands[1] [**148**] hands of y^e^ sayd Thomas Olney for the townes further use on | the | same account if y^e^ towne shall yet be put further upon it, or further to proceede in matters of that nature. /

14 s. 6d Remaines

Voated, That whereas there is an Expresse by warrant from the treasurer m^r^: John Vsher to Assess and Levey upon the

1 There are no pages numbered 108 to 147 inclusive.

inhabetants of this towne of Providence the just sum of one peny in y^e^ pound to be Raised according to former vsage & Custome; which warrant beareth date Boston y^e^ 20^th^ day of Januarey Anno Dom 168$\frac{8}{7}$ &^c^:

The towne doe order & appoynt the towne Councill of our sayd towne to levey and proportion the said Rate upon the severall inhabetants of our said towne. /

Jt is Granted unto Abraham Hardin that he may have a peece of land adjoyneing to y^e^ front of his land whereon he dwelleth of five foote wide, & twenty & five foote long: provided no high way be damnified. /

The meeting is adjorned untill y^e^ 25^th^ of this instant

March y^e^ 25^th^: 1687. the meeting is againe in being Tho: Olney Continues Moderat^r^:

Whereas Gidion Cruffurd hath desired of y^e^ towne to Reside amongst them, & here to follow his way of dealeing in goods; The towne hath granted him Liberty so to doe;

Voated Whereas Epenetus Olney, & James Angell hath desired of y^e^ towne that they might make use of a quantitye of y^e^ towns Comon upon Wannasquatuckett playne to fence it in & breake it up & plant it for y^e^ terme of foure yeares The towne doe grant it unto them that they may so make use of a quantitye of y^e^ said Comon, not Exceeding tenn acres, to make vse there of foure yeares from this day; Provided that they inclose it with a sufficient fence dureing the said time, & noto Abridge nor hinder any Convenient wayes for Comon passage [**149**] for horse or foote, Cattell or Carts; nor Course of way for Cattell to y^e^ salt water, nor passage for Carts too & from all Meaddowes: And at y^e^ End of y^e^ sayd foure yeares to

lay the said land open againe to the townes vse; & to leave it playne & levell : And what land they doe fence in, to break & plant all y^e^ same.

Voated, Sam : Comstocks Bill is refered to y^e^ next meeteing. The meeting is desolved

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Aprill y^e^ 27^th^: 1687 : few people appearing nothing was acted ; only note it to be the quarter day

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At a towne Meeting of Election the first Munday in June 1687. the 6^th^ day of the Month.

Tho : Olney Chosen towne Clerke

William Haukins jun^r^ : & Daniell Abbott are Chosen Constables, & sworne. /

Voated, that the towne doe chuse five men who shall be termed select men,

Captaine fenner & Tho : Olney being in Nomination for two of y^e^ sayd select men, but m^r^ Arnold informing that they were by his Exellency appoynted justices of y^e^ peace ; The towne have therefore made choyce of Cap^tn^ : William Hopkins, John Whipple, Nathaniell Waterman, Thomas ffield & Joseph Willia|ms| to be y^e^ sayd five select men ;

Chosen for surveiors to lay out land throughout our plantation are Capt ffenner, & Tho : Olney.

Pardon Tillinghast is Chosen Towne Treasurer

Chosen for way Wardens Tho : Arnold, & John Wilkenson : /

the Returne of land this day made by Arthur ffenner & Tho : Olney surveiors sated to Andrew [**150**] Edmunds at y^e^ place Called the Narrow passage is by y^e^ towne allowed. /

the meeting is Ended

July y^e 27^th^: 1687 it being the townes quarter day; the Meeting is in being

Whereas there is by severall of Our Neighbours a bill Exhibited to y^e towne that there may be a Consideration for y^e satisfieing of those persons who made a pound for y^e towne, And there being at this time but few Neighbours together, vpon which Consideration the Meeting is Adjorned unto y^e last Munday in Agust next about 10 of y^e Clock in y^e forenoone. / to order matters Concerning y^e same. /

At A Towne meeting Agust y^e 10^th^: 1687

Whereas there is a woman Anne Waters by name who with her Child is sent to Our towne from Boston, But y^e towne apprehending shee & her Child belongeth not to Our townes Care; Doe therefore Order & appoynt Thomas Olney to Repare unto Boston & there to implore his Exellency on the towns behalfe that so matters as to the Orderly settling of y^e sayd woman & Child may be Considered; as also to treat any person or persons who shall any wayes Endeavour to impose them upon Our towne, & to Endeavour to period all matters as to y^e premises betweene our towne & any Other theire opositts [**151**] oppositts, if so it may be; And that what writeing or Request is made to his Exellency shall be signed by y^e sayd Tho: Olney on the townes behalfe,

Whereas there is som|e| monies in the hand of Tho: Olney which was Contributed by some of our Neighbours when he went last to Boston on y^e townes account, Jt is now by the towne ordred, with y^e Consent & approbation of severall of y^e Contributers That y^e sayd Thomas Olney shall make use of y^e sayd Monye to beare his Charges in his now jorney on y^e

townes account to Boston & y^e^ towne in Gennerall to be accountable for y^e^ same, as also for what monie is Now Contributed, & other Charge disbursted in order to his sayd jorney. /

The meeting is Ended

Agust y^e^ 29^th^: 1687: it being the last Munday in the Month; The towne is againe mett by adjornment from July y^e^ 27^th^ last; /

Whereas upon y^e^ 27^th^ of July last a bill was preferred to the towne by severall of our Neighbours signed by Joseph williams on the behalfe of himselfe & others, desireing satisfaction for makeing Of a Pound which they made for the Towne, the sum which they demand for their labour is 3^lb^; The sayd bill this day being Read, & the towne haveing sent 3 men to vew the sayd Pound, & the said 3 men being returned, & haveing made report to the towne Concerning the same, The Towne doe owne the said Pound to be the towns Pound; And doe allow the persons who laboured in & did Efect & accomplish the said worke the sum of 3^lb^ according to theire demand; The which money shall be Raised by a Rate Assessed on y^e^ inhabetants of This towne; The labourers themselves also beareing their proportion of sd Rate. / Jt is [**152**] Jt is granted unto Jo^n^: Steere to Exchange a 50 acre devision & take it up Elcewhere one y^e^ townes Comon betweene y^e^ 4 mile & 7 mile lines,

The meetiing is adjorned untill the 5^th^ day of September Next. /

September y^e^ 5^th^: 1687 the towne meeting is againe in being by Adjornm^t^: from y^e^ 29^th^ of Agust last. /

Whereas there is in our towne one Anne Waters the wife of one thomas Waters (lately | by the authority | Condemned for fellony; But in favour of life | was | Transported;) And the said Anne Waters with her young child Tho: Waters being in a very poore Condition, & Except Care be on them taken likely to perrish; Jt is therefore ordred by our towne now at this our presant meeting, That Thomas Olney, John Whipple & William Haukins jun^{r}: shall on the townes behalfe agree with some person to take y^{e} sayd young Child; & to see to y^{e} putting of it out untill it be twenty & one yeares of Age; And to levie a Rate upon y^{e} inhabetants of this towne both for what must be disbursted with y^{e} sayd Chilld unto y^{e} party takeing it, (according as they with him shall agree,) as also to make a levie upon y^{e} said inhabetants to pay for the makeing of y^{e} Pound, And also for some other things for which y^{e} towne hath ocation for mony; And the sayd three persons shall have Reosanable satisfaction for theire paines

The meeting is Ended. /

[**153**] At a Quarter meeteing October y^{e} 27th: 1687

Whereas m^{r} Richard Arnold hath for our towne obtained & payd for severall Coppyes of orders made by y^{e} Governor & Councill for which he disbursted in mony 8^{s}: 6^{d}: Jt is Ordred that y^{e} sd m^{r} Rich: Arnold Shall be againe Repaid by our towne out of y^{e} Rate now levied for paying for making of y^{e} Pound & for other things; & for his mony so disbursted shall have 10^{s} in specia according as y^{e} Rate is levied, or elce 8^{s}: 6^{d}: in mony. /

Whereas Our towne hath from time to time been Exercised with strangers who have Come from other places, & have been

troublesom & chargeable to the towne. ffor the avoydeing of such troubles & Charges which may at any time by such persons fall upon the towne; Jt is Ordred that y^e^ select men of o^r^ said towne, or y^e^ Major part of them shall from time to time take Care to Remoove out of our towne all such persons who in theire judgments may be Chargeable or troublesom; or at any time Create any Charge or trouble to our towne. ffor the Effecting whereof, y^e^ towne doe Comitt their whole powre unto their Select men. And the sd Select to sumons in any such person or persons as they know, or heare are in our towne, or which at any time shall Come into our towne, & them to Examin And as y^e^ sd Select men see Cause to send away, or take Bond to secure y^e^ towne from Charge according to their descression. And that the Constables shall performe & doe therein according as in such Cases the law Requires. /

The meeting is Ended. /

Whereas his Exellency the Governor & Councill hath by an act past Ordred One Towne meeting in a yeare to be in Each [**154**] Towne for y^e^ Choyce of Select men Constables & other Officers the which Said Act beares date March y^e^ 17^th^: 1687. And y^e^ sayd meeting to be Annually held upon y^e^ 3^d^ Munday in the Month of May,,

The towne of Providence in Obedience to y^e^ sayd act are mett together the 21 day of May; Anno 1688: Jt being y^e^ 3^d^ Munday of y^e^ said Month. /

Justice ffenner is Chosen Moderator of y^e^ Meeting

Richard Arnold & Sarah Smith are this day Openly Published in way of marriage in y^e^ Open towne meeting no person objects

Chosen for select men, The 3 which are to stand of the last years men are Nathaniell Waterman, Joseph Williams & Thomas ffield; Pardon Tillinghast Edward Smith & John Dexter are chosen Select men to Add to the former three men to make up the Number six select men, Townesmen or overseers

[0543] At a quarter meeting Januarey y^e^ 27^th^: 169$\frac{0}{1}$
Pardon Tillinghast Chosen modderat^r^:

Jt is Granted unto Edi Smith y^t^ he may change his 60 acres of land which lieth on y^e^ south side of Moshausick River against his now dwelling neere Loquasqussuck. /

William Tirpin hath this day declared his intentio~ of Marriage with Anne Pratt (widdow) it being y^e^ first time of Publishing. /

The meeteing is adjorned for halfe one howre

The meeteing is againe in being

William Tirpin hath againe declared his intention of marriage of Marriage with Anne Prat (widdow it being y^e^ Second time of Publishing. /

Whereas wim Randall hath Exhibitted a bill to change 60 acres of land of Henry ffowlers his Bill is Refferred to y^e^ next quarter day & then will Randall to make appeare to y^e^ towne how he is impowred to looke after y^e^ same. /

At a towne meeteing March y^e^ 30^th^ 1691 Joseph Jenkes moderat^r^:

Nath: Mawrey & James Belloo are chosen petty Jurymen to serve at y^e^ Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the last Tuesday of this instant, for Grand juryman Tho: Arnold.

Chosen for Deputyes to serve at y^e^ Assem^b^ of Election in

may next at Newport & at y^e^ Gen^rl^ : Assemb : y^e^ day before y^e^ Election are Tho : Harris, Sam : Whipple, Tho : ffen^r^ : Joseph Jenkes jun^r^ :

At A quarter meeting Aprill y^e^ 27^th^ 1691

Joseph jenckes moderat^r^ :

| voated | whereas Eli : whipple hath this day prefered a bill for 40 foote of land upon y^e^ Comon, but there being so few purchassers present the bill is referred untill there be a meeteing of such a number of | purchasers | as are Capable to despose of land. /

William Randall haveing desired to change 60 acres of Land which formerly belonged to Hen : ffowler the matter being cleare to the Towne by written instruments from Hen : ffowler that he hath so to doe it is to him Granted

The meeting is desolved

At a towne meeting | of Election | June y^e^ 1^st^ | 1691 | being the first munday of y^e^ month :

Tho : Olney Chosen Clarke. /

Nathaniell Jenkes, James Browne Benjamin } all Engaged
Hearnton Chosen Constables }

Joseph Smith, joyner, Chosen Serjant

Jt is Granted unto Robert Davis that he may make his abode & dwelling in our Towne. /

Chosen for y^e^ Councill men Tho : Olney, Pardon Tillinghast, Will : Hopkins, Nath Waterman Joseph Williams, Ben : Carpenter. /

Pardon Tillinghast Treasurer Chosen :

The Purchassers & proprietors of y^e^ lands of Providence being this day mett have chosen Arthur ffenner & Tho : Olney to be their Surveiors to lay out theire lands & so to stand

untill the purchasers & proprietors aforesd doe further order, others to serve

Chosen for way wardens Sam : whipple & Joseph Hearnden.

The meeteing is adjorned untill Munday y^e^ 8^th^ of this instant. /

The meeteing is adjorned untill munday y^e^ 8^th^ instant

June y^e^ 8^th^: | 1691. | the meeteing is againe in being by adjornem^t^ from the first of this instant the day of the townes Election of Towne officers

whereas Joseph Smith (joyner) was chosen by y^e^ freemen of this towne of Providence to the office of A Towne serjant; but the said Joseph Smith haveing Possitively Refused to give Engagem^t^ to y^e^ sd office the towne doe therefore order & the voate is for y^e^ Towne to make choyce of another person William Smith is chosen serjant but | hath | possitively Refused to serve ;

John Whipple jun^r^: chosen Serjant & Engaged

Ordred that the Treasurer shall pay unto major Greene out of the townes part of y^e^ Rate which is in his hand the sum: of 17^s^ : 6 ^d^ which is to | the sd major greene | due from y^e^ Towne

The meeteing is adjorned to y^e^ 27^th^ day of july next

The meeting is againe being the 27^th^ of July 1691 by adjornm^t^: from y^e^ 8^th^ of June last m^r^ jenkes Continues moderat^r^ :

Ephraim Prey of Providence & Sarah Clagghorne Of Bastable hath at this meeteing declared theire intention of Marriagge Each with other, being the first time of Publishing.

Att a quarter meeteing July y^e^ 27^th^ 1691 m^r^ Jenkes moderat^r^ :

Eph : Prey of Providence, & Sarah Clagghorne of Bastable

ha|ve| at this meeting declared their intention of Marriage Each to other it being y^e^ second time of Publishing. /

Vpon y^e^ Request of Will: Smith the Towne hath Granted to him that he may change a percell of land Containeing Sixty acres of land lieing on y^e^ west|ward| side of wanasquatuckett River vp westward|ward| from y^e^ now dwelling of Rich: Clemence: the which land was Originally belonging to wim wickenden,

The Meeting is desolved. /

At a towne meeteing October the 16^th^: 1691

M^r^ Jenkes Moderat^r^

Chosen for Deputyes to serve at y^e^ Gen^rll^: Assemb: to be holden at warwick y^e^ last wednesday of this instant October are Jam: Blackmar, Tho: Arnold, Ben: Carpenter, Tho: ffenner. /

Whereas their is a Complaynt made by Hannah Pierce unto y^e^ towne that her husband hath locked her out of doers & hath sold his farme shee desireing the townes Assistant. The towne doe refer the matter to y^e^ next quarter day & for Ephraim Pierce, then by warning to appeare before the towne to Answere the Complaynt of his sd wife his sd wife also there to appeare. /

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